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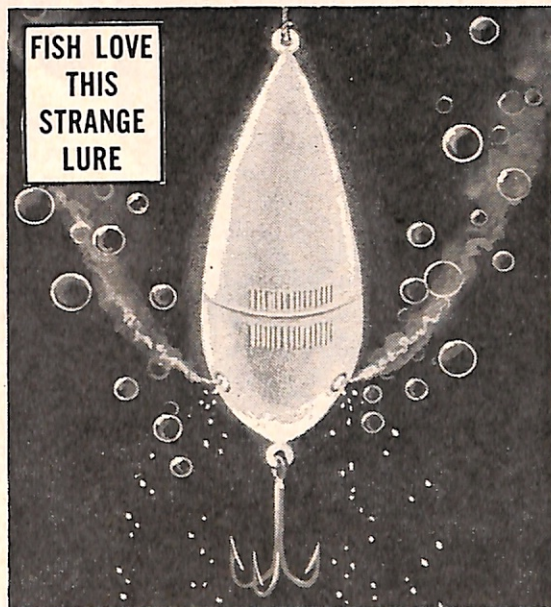
peals to a fish's senses of smell, taste, touch and sight! Oils and pastes just can't do all this. They depend on smell alone. That's why U-350 is so much more successful. That's why you're bound to catch more fish with U-350, more than you've ever caught before with other scented lures. Fish notoriously have poor eyesight. To overcome this, the inventor of U-350 used 3 novel devices: 1. An effervescent substance that bursts into tiny bubbles under the action of water. 2. Harmless coloring substance gives water a RED BLOOD COLOR. 3. As a crowning touch, he added a LUMINOUS substance to the "bomb". This creates a deep-penetrating GLOW under water. So you see, a fish would have to be totally blind not to be attracted!

FISH LOVE TO NIBBLE SAVORY "SNOWFLAKES"

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of thrilling BIG catches have been pouring in from everywhere. After trying U-350, you too will realize why we can hardly fill the demand and are forced to limit orders to only 2 kits per person during the rest of this year.

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Brothers from far away do not forget the Elks National Foundation, as witnessed by the check for \$1,000 recently received by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, from Dr. Harry Eno of Cristobal Canal Zone Lodge No. 1542. Brother Eno received an official Honorary Founder's Certificate.

A most gratifying letter was received recently by Chairman Malley from Mary Anne McGill of Dallas, Texas, who received a grant in the amount of \$635 to attend Columbia University. Miss McGill wrote in part:

"The course at Columbia University was very helpful to me and I went back to the Dallas Society for Crippled Children after it was over. I think I was able to do many things to improve the occupational therapy program that I had started three years previously."

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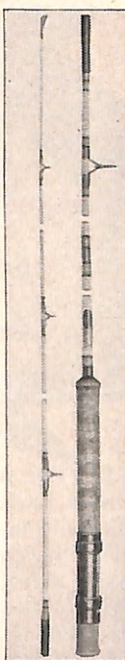
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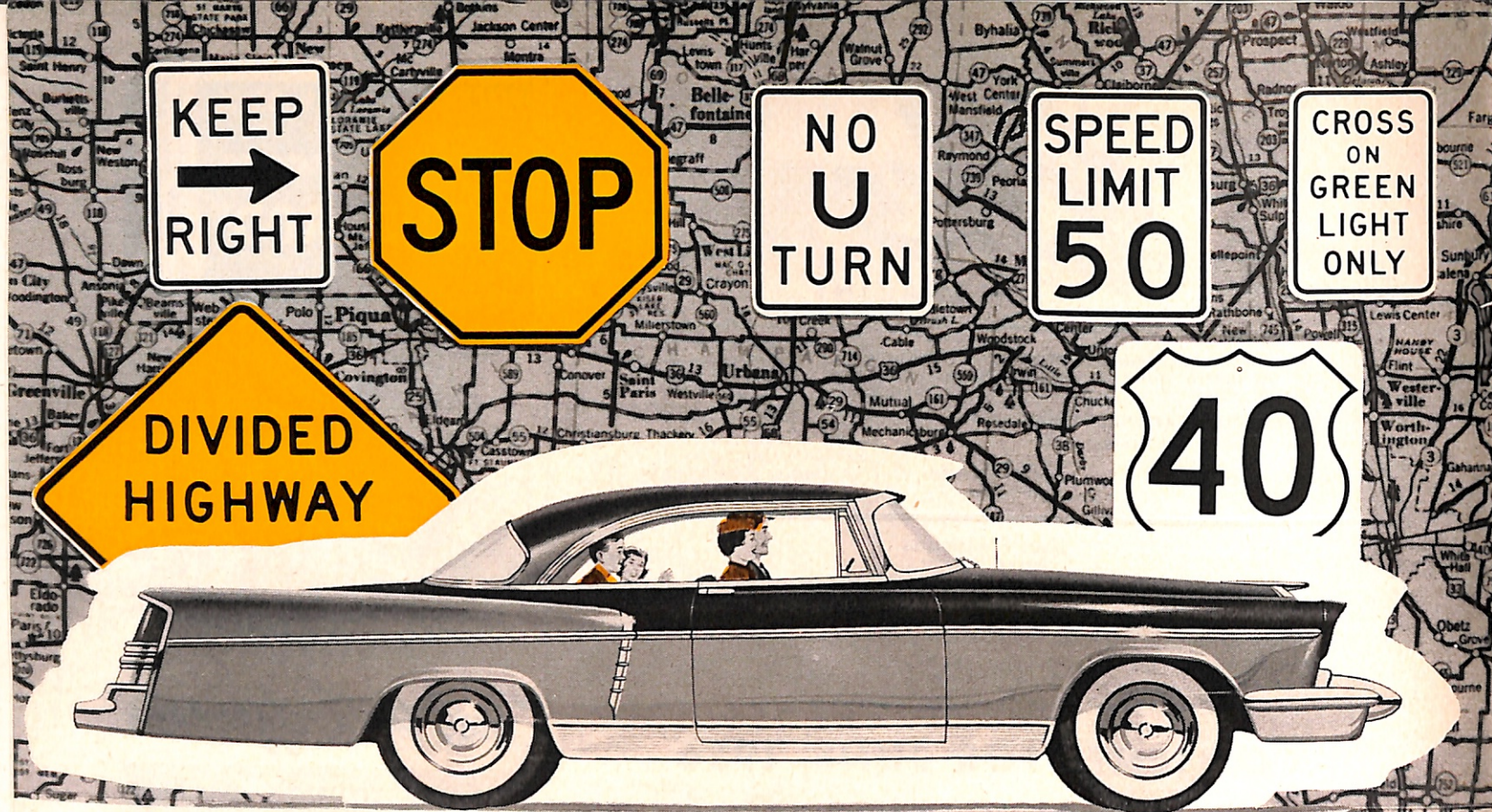
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Auto Accidents Can Be

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BY STANLEY FRANK

IF YOU ARE WILLING to play Russian roulette with your life every time you ride in an automobile, don't let this disturb you. Confine your reading on traffic safety to the annual announcement that the accident rate has dropped a few decimal points. Draw whatever assurance you can from statistics which would have you believe that your chances of surviving the carnage on the nation's highways are improving constantly. Forget, if you can, that 38,360 Americans were killed and some 1,500,000 were injured by cars in 1955, the third worst year for traffic deaths in our history.

But if you are more concerned with people than percentages, you will be shocked to learn that such reports of safer driving conditions are based entirely on increased mileage—with no regard for increasing fatalities and crippling injuries. In other words, the figures merely indicate that you can travel a few

more miles before meeting with an accident. You may wonder, too, how good your chances of escaping sudden death really are if you happened to see three random items in the newspapers within a recent five-week period.

On February 3, 1956, Charles H. Rose, of Ann Arbor, Mich., was shaken up when his car was forced into a ditch by a reckless driver. He called a wrecking truck to tow his damaged vehicle to a garage and rode in the cab of the truck. Rose was knocked unconscious when the truck skidded off the road. An ambulance summoned to take Rose to a hospital collided with a car at an intersection. Three strikes were out for Rose. He was dead on arrival at the hospital.

On February 26, Joseph Jenkins, Jr., of Mount Hope, N.J., died after his speeding car jumped a curb. He was the fourth brother killed in an automobile accident in the last five years.

On March 8, Donald E. Dick, Jr., nineteen months old, died in a collision at Lancaster, Pa., within a few yards of the scene of a similar crash that had taken his father's life five months earlier. The baby was accompanying his mother and her fiance to obtain a marriage license.

What are the odds against a man being involved in three accidents within an hour, against a family losing four sons in five years, against a father and a son meeting death in separate accidents at almost the same spot? Would you say each probability was a thousand-to-one shot? A million to one? Whatever the odds were, they did not protect Charles Rose, Joseph Jenkins and Donald Dick. The only mathematical certainty you can bet on is that between 35,000 and 40,000 motorists and pedestrians will be killed by vehicles this year.

Many authorities are convinced that the annual death and injury toll, appal-



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ling as it is, does not begin to tell the full, grim story. They further believe that the public has been given a false sense of security by the misleading method of computing the accident rate on the basis of fatalities per 100,000,000 estimated vehicle-miles. There is a good deal of validity in their charge that the figures do not reflect the increasing severity of non-fatal accidents due to the greater horsepower built into cars during the last few years.

"Let's stop kidding ourselves about the enormity of the traffic accident problem," J. Dewey Dorsett, general manager of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, declared at Atlanta on March 6, 1956. "The true dimensions of it are unknown. We only know that bad as the worst is, it still falls far short of completeness. We are without any acceptable knowledge about the number of motor vehicle accidents that occur each year on the streets and highways of the United States. The number of persons who are injured in traffic accidents each year is an estimate based on questionable arithmetic—a guess and, unquestionably, a bum one, at that. We are not even sure that the number of fatalities is accurate. In fact, bad as

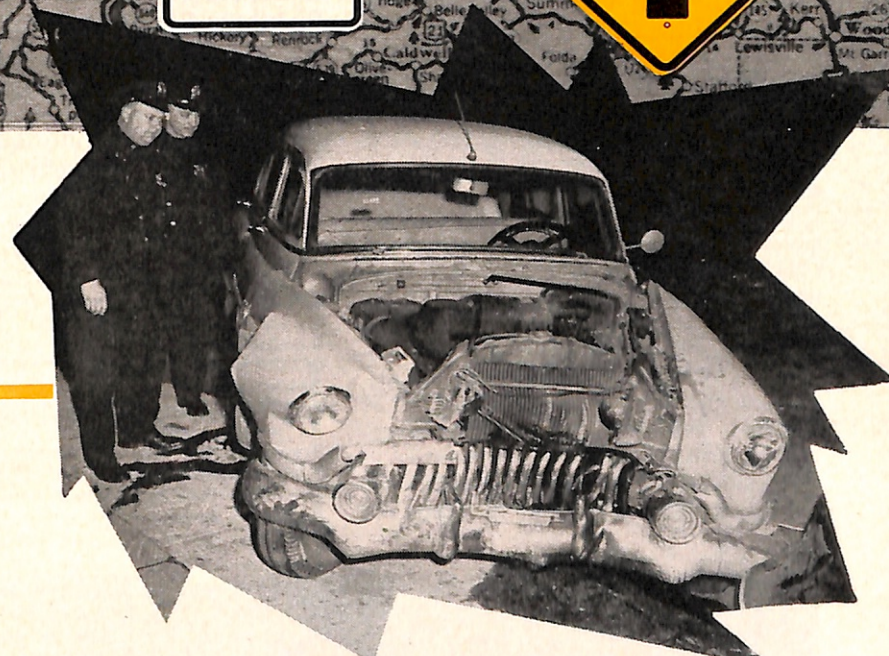
they are, the figures we read each year probably are an understatement."

Since the turn of the twentieth century, more than one million Americans have been killed by automobiles. Reckless and incompetent drivers have cost the country more lives than all our wars since the founding of the republic—and the most tragic part of the situation is that the wholesale slaughter could have been reduced drastically long ago.

No common scourge has been studied and investigated more intensively than automobile accident prevention. Every President since Theodore Roosevelt has called a national conference on traffic safety. The Governor of practically every state in the last quarter-century has made

highway safety a prime objective of his administration. More than one hundred national organizations maintain staffs of engineers, psychologists and legal experts recommending measures designed to curb the speed maniacs and irresponsible fools who menace law-abiding drivers. More manpower and attention are devoted to traffic control than any other branch of police work.

All authorities are agreed on the solution to the problem. You can put this down as a hard and fast rule: Accidents decline sharply when rigid enforcement of traffic laws increases. Educational campaigns and appeals to self-preservation ("The life you save may be your
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News of the Lodges

Outstanding Charter Class for Fullerton, Calif.

Set in the heart of the Valencia Orange industry, Fullerton, Calif., has a proud distinction; it is the home of the largest Elks lodge ever instituted.

A staggering total of 719 new members joined with 451 transferring by dimit from other lodges to form the record roster of 1,170 entering Fullerton Lodge No. 1993 on St. Patrick's Day, by coincidence the natal day of the mother of Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis of Anaheim which gave Fullerton a number of members. The ceremony, performed in smooth and solemn order, under the guidance of D.D. Oscar W. Stutheit, took place on the spacious grounds of the Fullerton Junior College. Mr. Lewis, who installed the Charter officers, presented the gavel to No. 1993's first E.R., Duane A. Armstrong, expressing his pride in the high caliber of the Fullerton membership, as well as in its number. Mr. Armstrong is the Junior P.E.R. of Anaheim Lodge.

It was D.D. Stutheit who instigated the action and handled the many involved details which resulted in the institution of this outstanding lodge. He had hoped for a nucleus of perhaps 500 members for No. 1993, but the idea caught hold in the community and was the main topic of discussion, eliciting a tremendous amount of favorable newspaper publicity in Fullerton, for many weeks. His deep devotion to the organizational details was responsible for the ultimate success of the program,

in which he was ably assisted by P.D.D. Benjamin F. Mattox, P.E.R.'s A. L. Raymond, Del Wilkinson and State Assn. Trustee Judge John Shea of Superior Court, all of Anaheim, and P.E.R.'s Osborne Holmes of Santa Ana and Robert Buchheim of Orange.

The District Championship Ritualistic Team from Anaheim Lodge led by E.R. Tom Yellis initiated the Charter Members and Pres. Jim B. Nielsen of the Calif. State Elks Assn. presented the American Flag to E.R. Armstrong of this lodge, which has already purchased one of the most beautiful six-acre sites in the area for what will undoubtedly be a very fine lodge home.

Queens Borough, N. Y., Elks Distribute Charities

Queens Borough Lodge No. 878 staged another of its history-making "give-away" programs not long ago, when over 1,200 persons witnessed the distribution of \$80,000 to a long list of hospitals, orphanages and other worthy groups. Mayor and Mrs. Robert F. Wagner of New York City participated in the program at which

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan made the presentations. Speaking in laudatory terms, Mayor Wagner, a P.E.R. of New York Lodge, referred to the \$3,850,000 the Queens Borough Elks have given in this 21-year charitable program, as "the greatest example of democracy in the world".

Retiring E.R. William C. Eisenhardt welcomed the guests who were entertained once again by the Catholic Diocesan Choristers of Brooklyn, directed by Rev. Fr. Cornelius Toomey. P.E.R. and State Sen. Thomas J. Mackell sang our Natitonal Anthem, and incoming E.R. N. Anthony Equale headed the Reception Committee.

In addition to the gifts made to non-Elk groups, No. 878 made the following contributions within the Order: \$750 to the entertainment of Veterans of Queens Borough Lodge, \$600 to the N. Y. State Elks Scholarship Program, \$500 to the Elks National Veterans Service program, \$500 to the N.Y. State Elks Veterans Service program and \$2,000 to the Elks National Foundation. In addition, the lodge earmarked \$5,000 for its Youth Program, \$1,000 for its Scholarship Fund and \$20,000 for its own Charity Fund.

The other donations were:

\$1,600 each

St. John's Long Island City Hospital, Flushing Hospital, Jamaica Hospital, Mary Immaculate Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, Rockaway Beach Hospital, Wyckhoff Heights Hospital, St. Anthony's Hospital, Queens General Hospital, Triboro Hospital, Queensboro Pavilion for

Below: A partial view of the record 700-man Charter Member Class of Fullerton, Calif., Lodge, No. 1993, which began life with a 1,170 membership. At right: As installing officer, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis places the jewel of office on the lodge's first E.R. D. A. Armstrong.



At the 1956 distribution of charities conducted by Queens Borough, N. Y. Lodge, E.R. Anthony Equale, left, and New York City's Mayor Robert F. Wagner, right, looked on as Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, second from left, presented checks to, left to right, Rabbi Max Meyer, representing Jewish Charities; Rev. Wm. C. Bennett, representing Protestant Charities, and Msgr. J. Jerome Reddy, representing Catholic Charities.



Communicable Diseases, Long Island Jewish Hospital, The Salvation Army Booth Memorial Hospital

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Protestant Charities of Queens County, Catholic Charities of Queens County, Jewish Charities of Queens County, Child Caring Institutions of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn for Children of Queens

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\$1,250 each

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St. Rose's Free Home for Incurable Cancer, the Queens County Cancer Committee

\$650 each

St. Francis Sanatorium for Cardiac Children, Youth Consultation Service of the Church Mission of Help of the Episcopal Diocese of L. I., Rosary Hill Home for Incurable Cancer, Industrial Home for the Blind

\$600 each

Community Service League of Queens Borough, Inc., Little Sisters of the Poor of Queens County, St. Charles Crippled Children's Hospital

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Social Service Auxiliary of Queens General Hospital, Social Service Auxiliary of Triboro Hospital, Florence Crittenton League, Inc., St. John's Hospital for Social

Service, Queens Speech and Hearing Service Center, Visiting Nurse Service of Queens County, Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor of L.I.C., Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor of Jamaica, Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, Inc., of Queens, Research on Cancer, Heart Fund

\$400 each

Queens Borough Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Inc., the Y.M.C.A. youth program of Long Island City, Queens Borough Council for Social Welfare, Queens Borough Home for the Blind, Inc., Veterans of Foreign Wars Welfare Fund, Cardiac Respiratory Laboratory Queens Hospital Center, Dept. of Welfare of the City of N. Y. for taking deserving children of Queens to summer camp, Lutheran Charities, Inc., Merrick Community Center of Queens County, the Catholic Guild for the Blind, Ridgewood Y.M.C.A. Youth Program

\$300 each

United Cerebral Palsy Society of Queens, Inc., St. Mary's Episcopal Hospital for Children of Bayside, the Big Brother Movement of Queens

\$250 each

Motors Corps of the Queens General Hospital, Armed Services Y.M.C.A.—Fort Totten, Apostolate for the Deaf, Speechless and Hard of Hearing, Queens Borough Tuberculosis and Health Assn., Y.M.C.A. Youth Program of Flushing, The Christophers, Queens Botanical Gardens Society, St. Vincent's Home for Boys over 16, United Hospital Drive, Greater New York Fund, National Infantile Paralysis Foundation

\$200 each

Western Queens Nursery School, Inc., College Point Community Ambulance Corps, Inc., Bayside Community Ambulance Corps, Inc., Whitestone Community Ambulance Service, Holy Name Centre for Homeless Men, Assn. for Aid of Crippled Children—Queens Rehabilitation Program, Catholic Day for the Blind, Protestant Day for the Blind, Jewish Day for the Blind, Anthonian Hall, Inc., Residence for Blind Women, Camp Fire Girls, Catholic Youth Organization Day Camps, the Queens Council Lighthouse, Queens Borough Council for Social Welfare—Teenage Problems, Lake Play School, Diabetes Assn. for sending needy children of Queens to summer Diabetic Camp, Jamaica Day Nursery

\$150 each

Madonna House

A Ritualistic Committee Note

With the new subordinate lodge year, Chairman E. W. McCabe of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee sent to all new Exalted Rulers a letter urging them to stress, at their very first meeting with their fellow officers, the importance of good Ritualistic work, not only in the initiatory ceremonies, but in all other instances.

Emphasizing the importance of proper performance of all our Rituals, particularly in their exemplification before initiates and the general public, Chairman McCabe's letter suggested that the new Exalted Rulers enlist the aid and counsel of their predecessors by asking that they serve as coaches or, when necessary, act as substitutes in the absence of any members of the panel.

With his letter, Mr. McCabe enclosed a card on which is printed the "Opening Ode", pointing out that, placed advantageously around the lodge room, these cards would help the membership participate in the lodge sessions. He added that a supply of these cards can be secured from the office of the Grand Secretary.

Mr. McCabe's letter closed with the assurance of the prompt cooperation of all members of his Committee on any matters concerning Ritual work.

Among those in attendance at this program, which is made possible through the Annual Charity Bazaar handled by a Committee headed by P.E.R. Frank J. Rauch, were N.Y. City Comptroller L. E. Gerosa; Dr. Jerome Schwartz, former Assistant Director of Creedmoor Hospital, Dr. Edith A. Mittell, President of the Flushing Hospital Medical Board, Deputy Police Commissioner James B. Nolan, Acting Borough President C. Parke Masterson and official representatives of all recipient groups.

Ticonderoga, N. Y., Elk Harold Roeseman Mourned

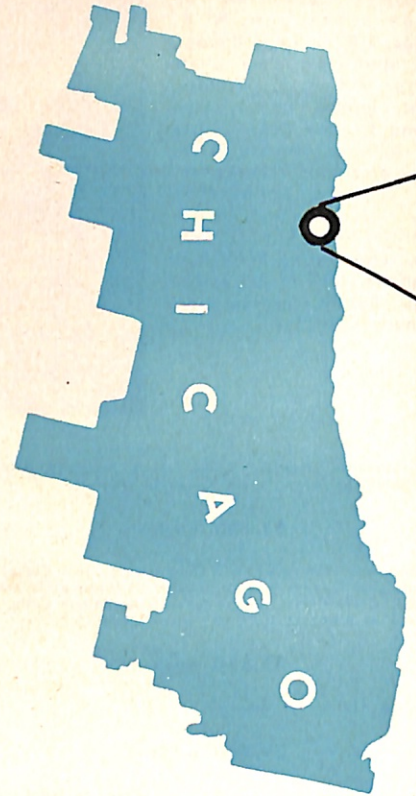
The members of Ticonderoga Lodge No. 1494 were saddened to learn of the death of P.E.R. Harold Roeseman on March 12th. Deeply respected throughout his community, Mr. Roeseman was well known for his support of any endeavor of benefit to his fellow man.

An Elk for many years, Mr. Roeseman had also been a District Deputy. The members of his lodge passed a resolution placing the stations in the lodge room in mourning for a period of 30 days.

ADDRESS OF GRAND EXALTED RULER JOHN L. WALKER: B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 197, 602 South Jefferson St., Roanoke, Va.
ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARY LEE A. DONALDSON: Elks National Memorial Building, 2750 Lake View Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.



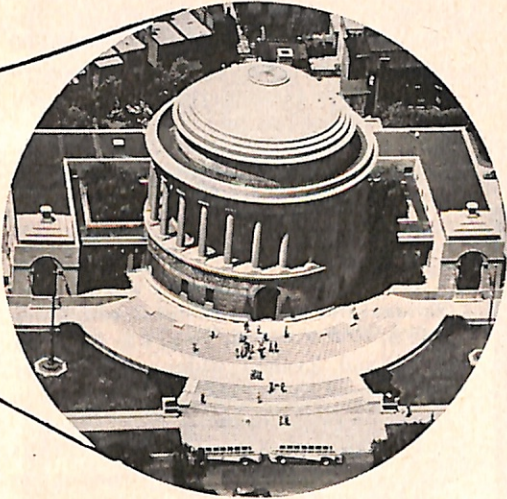
At the left a family looks upward at the dome of the Memorial Rotunda. In every direction there is marble and around the Rotunda are statues depicting Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.



The great bronze doors at the entrance to the Memorial Building provide a striking contrast to the stone facing in which they are set.

One of the three large windows in the Reception Room of the building. The windows were specially designed and tinted for soft daylighting of the interior and give striking contrast to the furnishings.

A family from infancy to age enjoys the fruits of their work in this mural painted by Eugene Savage. This is one of two companion pictures which won Mr. Savage a Gold Medal Honor award by the Architects League.

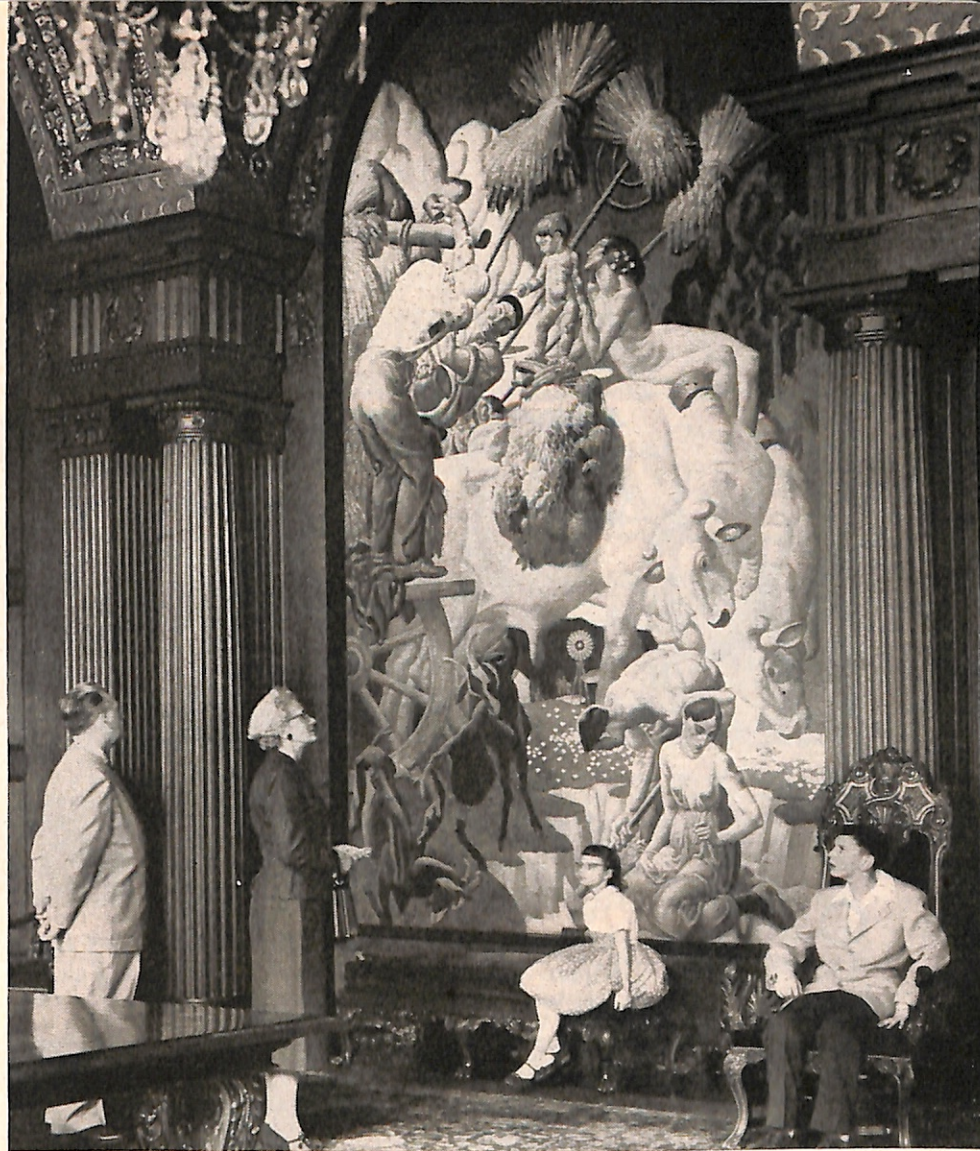


NOT TO BE MISSED
WHEN YOU ARE IN CHICAGO

Elks National Memorial Building

ELKS and their families planning to be in Chicago in July for the Grand Lodge Convention can look forward to a memorable experience—a visit to the magnificent Elks National Memorial Building which is only a short bus ride from Convention headquarters. The photographs on these pages only suggest the beauty and grandeur of this building, which is considered by authorities to be the finest of its kind in the world. The Building was opened to the public on July 14, 1926, as a memorial for Brother Elks who had sacrificed their lives for their country in World War I. On September 8, 1946, it was rededicated in honor of members of the Order who had served in World War II. It cannot be too strongly urged that every Elk visiting Chicago, whether as a delegate to the Convention or not, that his first consideration should be a leisurely tour of the Building.

The visitors return to the Memorial Rotunda where in the background are two of the magnificent marble columns flanked by statues of Fidelity and Justice.



Visiting the Lodges

with John L. Walker



On January 27th the Grand Exalted Ruler was at Carlsbad, N.M., Lodge to attend a banquet, and photographed with him were from left: Bert Rawlins, Ernest Barclay, R. J. Cunningham, Walter Gerrells, Exalted Ruler Cliff Ryan, M. E. Grimes, Mr. Walker, James Wright, John P. Smith, Sec. William Davidson, Gene Salter, James Bujac, DD Hampton Martin, John Pulice and Herbert Spencer.

ON FEBRUARY 14th, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker stopped at ANNAPOLIS, MD., LODGE for lunch, after having visited the Naval Academy and other points of interest. Mr. Walker particularly paid tribute to the lodge for its youth activities and commended Chairman Paul G. Schneider and R. Edward Dove, who is secretary of the Tri-State Elks Association. Among guests introduced by Exalted Ruler Fred A. Dammeyer were Mayor Arthur G. Ellington, Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, Mrs. Hawthorne and Police Commissioner George W. Rawlings.

Accompanied by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley and Mrs. Malley, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker and his wife arrived at BOSTON on February 19th to attend the annual dinner of the Massachusetts State Elks Assn., which was held

the following evening at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel. They were met at the station by Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan and Mrs. Sullivan, Grand Treasurer Edward A. Spry and his wife, member Committee on Judiciary Judge John E. Fenton, State Pres. Michael J. McNamara and his wife and State Sec. Thomas F. Coppinger. That evening Mr. and Mrs. McNamara gave an informal dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walker. Monday morning the Grand Exalted Ruler made a personal appearance on television on station WBZ-TV, where he was interviewed by Brother Nelson Bragg of Arlington, Mass., Lodge.

The formal dinner that evening was attended by more than 1,000 guests from all over the state. Mr. Walker was welcomed to Boston by Attorney General George Fingold, representing Governor Christian

A. Herter, and by Edward A. McCormack, President of the City Council, representing Mayor John J. Hynes. Arthur D. Kochakian, State Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, made a report of progress and presented to the Grand Exalted Ruler checks totaling over \$16,000 for the Foundation. Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland was present at the dinner and presented a trophy to Exalted Ruler Leone of Wakefield Lodge, which won the State Ritualistic Contest. Judge Fenton was Toastmaster for the dinner and Grand Treasurer Spry was Chairman.

The first ball of the 36th annual Elks National Bowling Tournament, which was held at LOUISVILLE this year, was rolled by the Grand Exalted Ruler on February 24th. The Grand Exalted Ruler was in Louisville two days for the tournament.

The Northeast District of the Illinois Elks Association gave a banquet in CHICAGO on February 25th in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler. The dinner was attended by 1,000. District Deputy Frank Wohlleber was Master of Ceremonies and introduced Mr. Walker, who was the only speaker of the evening.

On March 5th, Mr. Walker was at WARREN, PA., LODGE for a testimonial dinner in honor of Past State Pres. Ruel H. Smith. About 150 were present, including delegations from many nearby lodges. Exalted Ruler Joseph C. Goblinger welcomed Mr. Walker and he was then introduced by Toastmaster William E. Rice. Distinguished guests included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, State Vice-Pres. A. Lewis Heisey and Past State Presidents Francis T. Benson and Barney Wentz.

About 300 visitors, including the Grand Exalted Ruler, were present at ONANCOCK, VA., for the dedication of the new home on March 3rd. Ceremonies started at 3 p.m. and the Grand Exalted Ruler, assisted by the officers of Onancock Lodge, laid the cornerstone. After the ceremony, those present went into the new building to dedicate the lodge room. Exalted Ruler H. S. Kilmon called upon his officers to assist in dedicating the lodge room in a most impressive ceremony, and Mr. Walker then gave the principal address. The official ceremonies were broadcast by station WDM.

Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Walker began their tour of Deep South Lodges at BIRMINGHAM, ALA., on March 5. Arriving by train, they were greeted by District Deputy L. P. Patterson, Special Deputy Ray C. Balthrop, State President C. E. Haywood, Past District Deputy Jesse Duke, T. D. Stephens, PER of Birmingham, and a large delegation of Alabama Elks. The splendid youth band sponsored by Birmingham Lodge heralded the arrival of the distinguished visitors.

The Grand Exalted Ruler was guest of honor at a luncheon at the Birmingham Lodge home, where he was joined by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland,



Exalted Ruler William Z. Sturgis presents Grand Exalted Ruler Walker with a check for \$200 as an additional donation to the Elks National Foundation on occasion of the banquet in his honor on February 15th. Looking on from left are: Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, Mrs. Sturgis, ER Sturgis, Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Paul A. Hishmuh.



When Grand Exalted Ruler Walker visited Birmingham, Ala., Lodge, on March 5th, among those attending a luncheon in his honor were: State Pres. C. E. Haywood; standing, left to right: PDD Dr. Adin Batson, PGER John S. McClelland, PDD Bernard Rosenbush, PDD Joe S. Foster, Deputy Ray C. Balthrop, PDD A. Jesse Duke, DD L. P. Patterson, PDD Jas. B. Smiley, Waldrop Windham and PDD Gilbert Mayer



Attending the Testimonial dinner at Warren, Pa., Lodge, honoring Past State Pres. Ruel H. Smith, were from left: PER R. J. Weigel, Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson, R. C. Schumacher, Past State Pres. Francis T. Benson and Barney Wentz, Mr. Walker, C. F. Schindler, Sec. Ross L. Ruhlman, PGER Howard R. Davis, G. Weston Ensworth, ER Joseph C. Gobliger, Brother Smith and State Pres. A. Lewis Heisey.



On road to Wyoming on March 9th, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker's plane stopped at Albuquerque, and present to greet him were from left to right: Paul W. Robinson, A. G. Sianz, Mr. Walker, G. T. Hennessee, Earl Bowdich, G. R. Pedersen, E. H. Jahraus and PER Tony Belmonte.



Secretary Ray E. Langrall greets the Grand Exalted Ruler when he arrived at Cambridge, Md., Lodge on Feb. 14th. At left is Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne and William Sturgis, Exalted Ruler of Salisbury Lodge, is at the right.



On the steps of Montgomery, Ala., Lodge on March 6th, were from left: DD L. P. Patterson, PGER John S. McClelland, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson, Mr. Walker, ER Melvin L. Dawkins and State Pres. C. E. Haywood.



The Grand Exalted Ruler pins 50-year membership pin on PER Samuel B. Israel of Blocton Lodge during his visit to Tuscaloosa Lodge on March 5th. ER Frank Ferrire of Blocton Lodge, left, and PDD Bernard Rosenbush, Jr. look on.



Exalted Ruler Fred A. Dammeyer of Annapolis, Md., Lodge, welcomes the Grand Exalted Ruler on February 14th. At left is R. Edward Dove, who served as local chairman for the Grand Exalted Ruler's visitation.



Exalted Ruler Harold M. Bowman welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Walker to Easton, Md., Lodge, on Feb. 14th. At right of Mr. and Mrs. Walker is Mrs. Bowman.



Officers of Dothan, Ala., Lodge with Mr. Walker when he was there for a dinner on March 6. From left: Charles DeLoach, Henry Kennedy, ER B. W. Connell, Sec. Ed. Driggers, Mr. Walker, Paul Felts, DD L. P. Patterson, Jim Taylor, Floyd Veal and Aaron Kraselsky.



On February 13th the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Baltimore, Md., Lodge and welcoming him were front row, left: Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Charles G. Hawthorne, Robert J. Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lloyd Pahlman, PER George Krill and PGER Robert S. Barrett. Rear row between Brother Kenney and Mr. Walker is Exalted Ruler Joseph F. Wacławski and to the rear left of Mr. Walker is Mrs. Hawthorne. PER Lloyd Pahlman stands behind Brother Krill.

who introduced him to the gathering. Wal-drop Windham, Grand Inner Guard, and Bert A. Thompson, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator. In addition to officers and members of Birmingham Lodge, many past and present officers of the Grand Lodge and State Association and members of various Alabama Lodges were present at this affair.

From Birmingham, the Grand Exalted Ruler and his party were escorted to TUSCALOOSA by Exalted Ruler H. C. Van-Buskirk and PDD Bernard Rosenbush, Jr. Upon arrival in Tuscaloosa, Mr. Walker made a radio address and presented Youth Leadership Awards to Harmon C. Van-Buskirk, Jr., son of the Exalted Ruler, and Miss Mary Annette Crowder.

Tuscaloosa Lodge honored Mr. and Mrs. Walker with a cocktail party, banquet and dance, which were attended by

a large number of officers and members and ladies from lodges throughout the state. At the banquet, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland introduced Mr. Walker, who delivered an in-

spiring address. He then presented a 50-Year Membership Pin to Past Exalted Ruler Sam Israel of Blocton Lodge.

On Tuesday, March 6, the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Walker were escorted to MONTGOMERY by Joseph W. Carroll, Secretary of Montgomery Lodge, and Mrs. Carroll. There a luncheon was given in honor of the distinguished visitors. Also attending the luncheon were Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, DD L. P. Patterson, Special Deputy Ray C. Balthrop and Mrs. Balthrop, PDD Dr. Adin Batson of Florence and Mrs. Batson, PDD Joe S. Foster of Huntsville and Mrs. Foster, and officers and members of adjacent lodges. Exalted Ruler Melvin Dawkins welcomed the guests of honor and other visitors, and greetings were also expressed by high city and state officials in the capitol city.

On March 3rd, the Grand Exalted Ruler was at Onancock, Va., Lodge, to lay the cornerstone of the new home. At Mr. Walker's left is DD W. R. Marshall and, right, ER H. S. Kilmon.



Right: Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Walker visited Frederick, Md., Lodge, and present at the dinner from left to right, were: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert S. Barrett, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Grover Ponton, Mr. Walker, Past Exalted Ruler Henry Schuoler, District Deputy Arthur R. Mason and Exalted Ruler Grover R. Ponton.

Left: Northeast District of the Illinois Elks Assn. honored the Grand Exalted Ruler with a banquet at the Palmer House, Chicago, on Feb. 25th, and present from left, first row: DD Frank Wohlleber, PGER Floyd E. Thompson, Mr. Walker, PGER Henry C. Warner and Grand Sec. L. A. Donaldson. Second row, left: Member Grand Forum J. Paul Kuhn, Vice-Pres. Homer L. Fry, Sec. Albert W. Arnold, Vice-President-at-Large George F. Thornton, Pres. Chas. W. Clabaugh, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator Bert A. Thompson and PER Peter P. Thomas.



1956 Grand Lodge Convention Program

CHICAGO, ILL.

JULY 7-12.

All activities scheduled are on Central Daylight Saving Time

SATURDAY, JULY 7th

9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION.

Delegates, Grand Lodge Members, all
Elks and Ladies.....

Conrad Hilton Exhibition Hall
Lower Lobby

RITUALISTIC CONTEST.....

Congress Hotel Florentine Room

All Day
and
Evening

OPEN HOUSE all Chicago Lodges, continuing through Convention:

Chicago Lodge No. 4—70 West Madison Street
Chicago Lodge No. 1596—8600 S. Ashland
Ave. (Buses to and from the Conrad Hilton
during the Convention)

Chicago North Lodge No. 1666—1925 W.
Thome Ave. (Buses to and from the Conrad
Hilton during the Convention)

During the entire Convention, you will be
entertained at various functions by the musi-
cal and singing groups of our Order.

SUNDAY, JULY 8th

9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION continues.

EXHIBITS, continuing through Convention:

Elks National Memorial and Publication Com-
mission, Elks National Foundation, Elks Na-
tional Service Commission, Lodge Activities
Committee, Youth Activities Committee, State
Associations

Conrad Hilton
Lower Level

RITUALISTIC CONTEST

continues..... Congress Hotel

Time of services at Churches of various denominations
listed on a separate sheet in your Convention envelopes.

1:30 p.m. BASEBALL—Chicago White Sox vs. Detroit
Tigers—Double Header.....

Comiskey Park

IMPORTANT! For those desiring to attend
and wishing to sit in the Elks' Sections, mail
requests for reservations direct to Chicago
White Sox, Comiskey Park, Chicago, Illinois,
with check. Box seats \$2.50, Reserved Grand-
stand \$1.75.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS: Chicago's many inter-
esting points by bus and boat. Full information
upon registration.

8:00 p.m. OFFICIAL GRAND LODGE

OPENING SERVICES

Conrad Hilton
Grand Ballroom

Addresses of Welcome by Honorary Chair-
men, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Hon. Floyd
E. Thompson and Henry C. Warner, the Hon.
Richard J. Daley, Mayor of Chicago and Hon.
William G. Stratton, Governor of Illinois.
Address: Hon. John L. Walker, Grand Exalted
Ruler.

ENTERTAINMENT by Blue Jackets Choir—
U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes.

MONDAY, JULY 9th

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION continues.

STATE ASSOCIATION BREAKFASTS.

(See Directory in Official Program)

RITUALISTIC CONTEST

continues..... Congress Hotel

9:00 a.m. GRAND LODGE BUSINESS SESSION.....

Conrad Hilton
Grand Ballroom

Election of Grand Lodge Officers.

10:30 a.m. LADIES of Grand Lodge Delegates will be
guests at a special morning showing of
CINERAMA.

2:00 p.m. ALL LADIES will be guests of Chicago North
Lodge at a Card Party and Water Show. Round-
trip bus transportation from Conrad Hilton
will be provided.

Your opportunity to use your Hospitality
Book, with many interesting free and cutrate
attractions. Your book will be delivered to you
upon registration.

Visit our beautiful Elks Memorial Building,
2750 Lakeview Avenue, Chicago.

Radio and TV tickets available.

7:00 p.m. STATE ASSOCIATION DINNERS.

(See Directory in Official Program)

8:30 p.m. ELKS NIGHT at Sportsman Park Race Track
(Free tickets are in your Hospitality Book)

3301 S. Laramie
Cicero, Illinois

TUESDAY, JULY 10th

8:00 a.m. RITUALISTIC CONTEST

continues Congress Hotel

STATE ASSOCIATION BREAKFASTS.

(See Directory in Official Program)

9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION continues.

Conrad Hilton
Exhibition Hall
Lower Level

GRAND LODGE

BUSINESS SESSION

Conrad Hilton
Grand Ballroom

11:00 a.m. MEMORIAL SERVICES.

(Open to all Elks and public).....

Conrad Hilton
Grand Ballroom

1:00 p.m. LUNCHEON AND CLINIC by Grand Exalted
Ruler-Elect for all Exalted Rulers.

Conrad Hilton
Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker's Lunch-
eon for his District Deputies.....

2:00 p.m. ALL LADIES will be guests of Chicago South
Lodge at a FASHION SHOW. Round trip bus
transportation from Conrad Hilton will be
provided.

SIGHTSEEING: Elks Memorial Building, Prud-
ential Building, Board of Trade, The Art In-
stitute, Planetarium, Museum of Science.

7:00 p.m. STATE ASSOCIATION DINNERS.

(See Directory in Official Program)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11th

8:00 a.m. STATE ASSOCIATION BREAKFASTS.

(See Directory in Official Program)

9:00 a.m. GRAND LODGE BUSINESS SESSION.

(Open to all Elks and Ladies). Reports and
awards by Elks National Service Commission,
Elks National Foundation, Youth Activities
Committee.

Conrad Hilton
Grand Ballroom

RITUALISTIC CONTEST

continues Congress Hotel

1:30 p.m. ELKS DAY AT ARLINGTON PARK

RACE TRACK.

SIGHTSEEING: Elks Memorial Building, Mar-
shall Field's, Merchandise Mart.

9:00 p.m. GRAND BALL AND ENTERTAINMENT
tendered to Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs.
John L. Walker. All Elks and Ladies invited.

Music by Paul Meeker and his Orchestra.....
Conrad Hilton
Grand Ballroom

THURSDAY, JULY 12th

8:00 a.m. STATE ASSOCIATION BREAKFASTS.

(See Directory in Official Program)

9:00 a.m. FINAL GRAND LODGE SESSION.....

Conrad Hilton

Installation of newly elected
Grand Lodge Officers.

Chuck Plays It Safe



Cautious Chuck has no friends, but he survives and multiplies.

BY WILLIAM BYRON MOWERY

THE NUMBER of woodchucks in the States and Canada is slightly prodigious. The total is around *half a billion*. So the "whistle pig," already our champion eater and sleeper, emerges also as the champion of that small, select group of animals and birds which have managed to hold their own as our country was settled up. In fact, woodchucks have far more than held their own. They are several times as numerous as when America was virgin wildland and in most regions they are still on the increase.

Now this poses a pretty question: What does this unfavored creature, slow of foot, heavy of body and not exactly nimble in the brain—just what does it have that accounts for its spectacular success? It can't hit, can't field, can't throw, but the woodchuck didn't get to be a

big-league star on nothing, of that we can be very sure.

Most creatures with strong survival powers show some definite superiority, like the plover's swift grace of wing, the fox's superkeen nose, the tortoise's built-in armor, the otter's artistry as a fisherman. But the woodchuck not only lacks any such helpful speciality but is saddled with several handicaps that would sink the ordinary creature.

It's a sort of Nature whodunit, this "Case of the Abounding Chuck," and the solution isn't easy to come by. You sleuth around digging into the woodchuck's private life; you come up with explanations and then sadly discover that they really explain nothing; you run into flatly contradictory evidence and get baffled no end. But finally the puzzle does clear up and there it is, the odd, surprising answer to the riddle.

Right here I want to state that in spite of all its short-



ILLUSTRATED BY GEOFFREY BIGGS

By facing his enemy and daunting him with those ivory choppers, Chuck usually succeeds in backing up to his den.

comings I am personally very fond of the woodchuck. It has occupied a big and pleasant niche in my outdoors life. The first pet I ever had was a tiny chuck, Wizzy—I was four years old and Wizzy four weeks—and I've raised many a one since then. For me the sharp, diminuendo whistle of the woodchuck connotes the sunny farmlands of the mid-West, the cathedral quiet of a deep-Ozark woods, the rugged splendor of the Liard Rockies. On a thousand summer evenings, when the slant sun lies mellow and beautiful over the fields and hills, I have gone out after the day's work and studied the chuck's feeding habits, made population counts and otherwise used it as an excuse for being abroad at that magic time. All this is by way of saying that if this account doesn't compare the woodchuck too favorably with other wild creatures in some respects, it's not because of any personal bias but because I am trying to set down the truth as accurately as I know how.

Systematically the woodchuck—or groundhog, chuck, marmot, whistle pig, yellow-belly, rock pig, rock chuck, rock beaver, *siffleur*, and still other names—is a ground-squirrel, an overgrown cousin of the chipmunk and gopher. Our second biggest rodent, it averages twelve to fifteen pounds for the Eastern chuck and twenty pounds or better for the hoary marmot of the far-North Rockies. The common chuck (*Monax*) ranges out to the Great Plains in the States but in Canada it extends clear west to the Pacific and north to Alaska. The yellow-belly (*Flaviventris*) is mostly Western and Southwestern. The hoary marmot (*Caligata*) occurs from Idaho north to the Arctic.

Any burrowing creature, whether animal, snake or insect, tends to be round in cross section, and so the groundhog is somewhat barrel-bodied as compared with the deep-chested wolf or a streamlined fish. Its short, stout legs are good digging equipment but poor for running. One noteworthy feature about the chuck (Continued on page 45)

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler



PLAN ELKDOM'S PROGRESS

WHAT a really wonderful group of men is this Order of Elks! I am happy to be able to report that when the books of the Elks National Foundation were closed on April 30, they recorded the largest total of contributions for any year in its history, \$403,802.17. I am extremely grateful to all who have helped to make this possible, and they are legion, indeed—our Past Grand Exalted Rulers, our Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen, my District Deputies, the Presidents and other Officers of our State Associations and their Committees, the Exalted Rulers and Officers of their lodge Committees, and the thousands of Elks who responded loyally to my appeal and joined the honor roll of those who have put their dollars to work in perpetuity with a contribution to the Foundation.

Grateful and proud, yes! But we are not resting on our oars. For one reason or another, some lodges were not able to get their Foundation campaigns under way before April 30. Consequently, while the contest feature had to end April 30 to give time in which to determine the winners, I have extended our Foundation drive right up to the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago July 8. That gave two more months, of which one remains, for an all-out effort by all lodges.

Then, when Chairman Malley makes his report to the Grand Lodge, I want every Exalted Ruler to come up to the stage and present to him the results of the campaign in these last two months. Let's literally deluge Brother Malley with contributions, and make this the crowning event of the Convention. I appeal personally to every Exalted Ruler, whose lodge did not conduct a Foundation campaign prior to April 30, to organize his Foundation Committee, stage a hard-hitting drive among the members, and bring his contributions to Chicago. Similarly, any State Association that has not yet contributed should join the parade to the stage.

To all the new Exalted Rulers, I make the suggestion that you study well "A Plan for Elkdom's Progress", which I sent to your predecessors. If you can't locate this booklet, and will write to me, I'll be happy to send you a copy. This booklet

contains much information and practical advice on problems related to membership, such as dues collection, indoctrination of members, selection of candidates and similar subjects. If put to good use now, at the beginning of your administration, it will be of tremendous help to you.

As my term draws to a close, I want to express my deep appreciation for the wonderful cooperation I have received from the staff of The Elks Magazine. It is a great privilege to be able to speak to all the members and also to their families each month through the pages of our fine Magazine. But the cooperation to which I refer embraces much more than that, and it has gone far beyond the ordinary call of duty. I am very grateful to them for all that they contributed to the success of the programs that my administration undertook.

The Elks National Home at Bedford in my home state is something of which every Elk can be proud. It is, also, something that every Elk should see. The beautiful buildings and grounds are fully complemented by the peace and happiness that dwell within. These result from the warm hospitality and kindly and interested management of Brother Tom Brady, the Superintendent, ably supported by his good and gracious wife. They succeed admirably in providing a most pleasant home for the nearly 300 Elks who live there in happy retirement.

Visitors to Chicago, attending our 92nd Grand Lodge Convention next month, will have an opportunity to see the Elks National Memorial Building. It is a monument that enshrines, in bold and striking beauty, the memory of those Elks who served and sacrificed in two World Wars. The simple grandeur of this magnificent edifice never fails to lift up the spirit of even the most casual visitor. It is functional, too, housing the offices of our Grand Secretary. I urge all Elks and their families to visit the Memorial Building while in Chicago.

John L. Walker
GRAND EXALTED RULER

"Elks should set a patriotic example to the country and fly the Flag over their homes, factories and offices on Flag Day, June 14. Show Your Colors."



Above: As a member of the Elks National Service Commission, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton, standing at left, visited the Veterans Hospital at Muskogee, Okla., recently where the Elks of Oklahoma do so much to cheer the servicemen patients throughout the year. Photographed with Mr. Broughton on this occasion are, left to right, wheelchair patient Wm. B. Gratton, bed patient Leba Hilliard, Hospital Mgr. Dr. D. H. Miller, Committee Chairman P.E.R. E. A. Meyer of Muskogee Lodge, Hospital Asst. Mgr. John E. Beckett, D.D. Arthur E. Maupin, VAVS Chairman Earl L. Woodruff, P.E.R. of Muskogee Lodge, and J. Thad Baker, Attorney for the Veterans Administration and a P.E.R. of Oklahoma City Lodge.



Above: This photograph was taken when members and their wives from San Juan, Puerto Rico, Lodge visited the Rodriguez Military Hospital when they brought seven birthday cakes for veteran patients whose birthdays fell at that time, a string orchestra and a floor show.



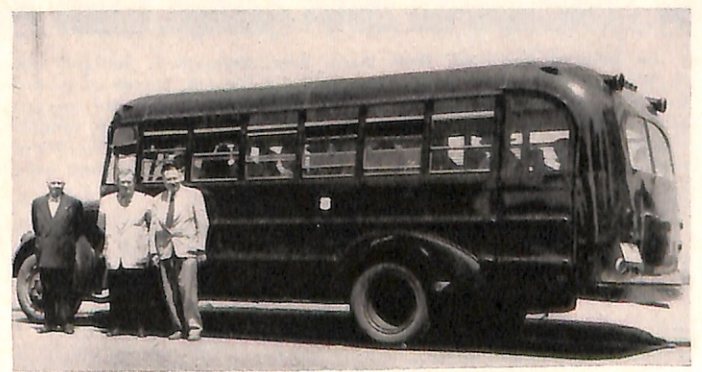
Left: E.R. Francis Pontious of Athens, Ohio, Lodge, center, presents a pool table to the Athens State Hospital for the use of veterans of both World Wars. Accepting the gift are Supt. H. H. Fockler, M.D., and Mrs. Charlotte Cox, the Hospital's Recreation Director.



Right: Not long ago, when D.D. Richard H. Talbott paid his official visit to Martinsburg, W. Va., Lodge in the company of S. O. Stover, Chairman of the State Assn.'s National Foundation Committee, Chairman Garnett W. Shipley of the Assn.'s Veterans Service Committee, seated foreground, accompanied them on a tour of the Newton D. Baker VA Center. Pictured at that time are, standing left to right, Chief of Special Services R. S. Marnocha, Committee Co-Chairman E. C. Shrodes, Mr. Stove, D.D. Talbott, and VA Center Mgr. Wales E. Finnigan.



During a monthly show at Brown Hospital at Dayton, Ohio, under the auspices of the Ohio Elks Assn., a shipment of leather, the gift of the Calif. and Wyo. Elks Assns., was presented. Left to right are Hospital Asst. Director Robert Tettman, P.E.R.'s Francis Glass and Franklin Wurstner of Sidney, the host lodge, L. R. Bean of Dayton Lodge, Sidney Esq. George Wagner, P.D.D. M. C. Humpert and Sidney E.R. Eugene Long.



Thirty patients of the St. Cloud Veterans Hospital made a 130-mile round trip to Minneapolis to watch the local Millers play a Toledo team in an exciting baseball match. The Elks of Minneapolis, Minn., Lodge were their hosts at a luncheon prior to the game. Left to right are Honorary Life Member Tony Pleva, a Scout for the N. Y. Giants; E.R. Bob Newhouse, and Chairman Stanley P. Andersch of the State Committee.

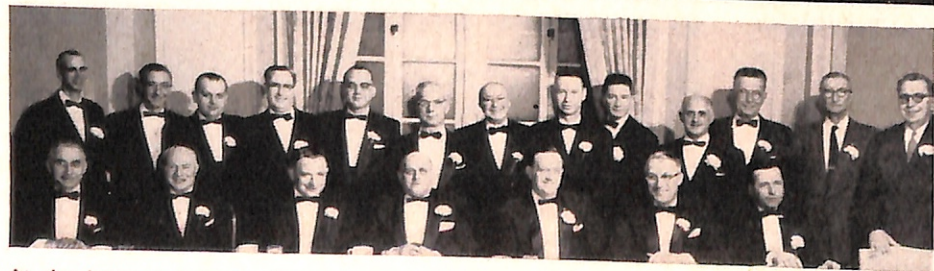


Among the celebrities who attended the highly successful first annual Sports Night conducted by Providence, R. I., Lodge with over 500 guests were, left to right, foreground, E.R. John F. Leavens, Capt. Ray C. Needham and Rear Adm. H. W. Johnson, USN, World's Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano, Rear Adm. Ralph Earle, Jr., and Capt. A. C. Husband, USN, and P.E.R. Charles C. Carroll, Chairman; second row: Treas. Tom Coyne, Elk Birdie Tebbetts, Mgr. of the Cincinnati Reds, Mike Karakas, Chicago Blackhawk goalie, humorist Sam Ramsay, Mgr. Terry Reardon of the R. I. Reds Hockey team, Promoter Manny Almeida, "Sleepy Jim" Crowley, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission; third row: Chief of Police Elk John Murphy, Trustee Joseph Carroll, Mayor John Turnbull, D.D. Richard A. Moran, prize-fighter Ralph Zannelli, Umpire Bill Summers, Master of Ceremonies, Jerry O'Brien, Football Referee Bill Halloran, State Athletic Director Anthony Macaroni, former Shrine Potentate Elk Carl Mitchell, State Assn. Pres. John W. Moakler, Est. Loyal Knight Angelo Moretti and Trustee Raymond J. Nottage.



Left: Committee Chairman Jules J. Dreyfuss indicates the names of some of the 193 Miami Beach, Fla., Elks who purchased Trust Fund Certificates for the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children, totaling nearly \$25,000.

Right: E.R. John C. Ebersberger, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton and State Pres. Kenneth F. Sullivan, left to right, when Sheboygan, Wis., Lodge paid tribute to Mr. Sullivan with the initiation of 16 candidates.



At the banquet honoring State Assn. Pres. Kenneth F. Sullivan, seated third from left, with E.R. Wm. P. Robb of the host lodge and E.R. Carl R. Larsen of Kenosha Lodge, fourth and fifth from left respectively, are other dignitaries who attended the special affair given by the members of Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge. A ceremony initiating 55 candidates took place, with the officers, trustees and former Presidents of the Wisconsin Elks Assn. and officers of Kenosha Lodge on hand, and the Elks Plugs, Chorus and Military Band entertaining.

NEWS of the LODGES

Old Timers Feted by Elks of Grand Rapids, Mich.

When Grand Rapids Lodge No. 48 held its annual Old Timers Night, about 100 long-time members were on hand for the festivities which opened with a banquet during which 33-year-member Wal-

ter H. Sack was the principal speaker. Later, each veteran Elk was introduced and received his new Life Membership card, following which entertainment, refreshments and gifts for each guest were provided. P.E.R. Edwin Breen was Chairman for the very successful affair.

ELKS FLAG DAY—JUNE 14th

Your Lodge Activities Committee is pleased to announce that we are repeating for the third year our tremendously successful "FLAG DAY—SHOW YOUR COLORS" campaign.

A Flag Day questionnaire to all subordinate lodges in February shows that our "SHOW YOUR COLORS" campaign is popular, effective and that it should be continued with increased vigor and enthusiasm.

Awards will be offered to three lodges conducting the most outstanding Flag Day Programs in each of the following membership groups—Under 500, 500 to 1,000 and over 1,000.

All entries must be in the hands of Committeeman Walter R. Gage, 1840 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, Kans., NOT LATER THAN JUNE 25th for judging.

Complete Flag Day instructions and an excellent patriotic poster have been distributed to all lodges.

Edwin J. Alexander, Chairman
LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Texas Elks Mourn Assn. Pres. Emmett C. Bunch

Emmett C. Bunch, prominent member of Texas Elksdom and President of his State Assn., was stricken with a fatal heart attack April 22nd while flying to his home in Odessa from Fort Worth.

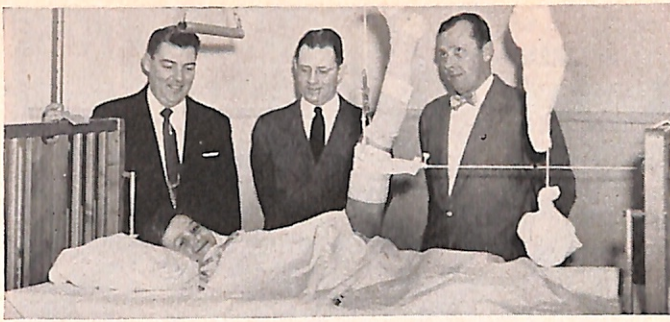
A Past Exalted Ruler of Odessa Lodge No. 1630 and former District Deputy, Mr. Bunch had served as a member of the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee from 1950 through 1954. A former Trustee of his State Assn., Mr. Bunch was the first President of that organization to die while in office.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Methodist Church of which he was a member. A large delegation of Texas Elks from widely scattered areas were in attendance, including four former Presidents of the State group—Secy. H. S. Rubenstein, Floyd B. Ford, C. E. Smeltz and Dr. D. E. Biser, and State Assn. Chaplain Rev. Wm. D. Boyd.

The Magazine staff extends its sympathy to his wife, daughter, son and two sisters who survive this devoted Elk.

STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS

STATE	PLACE	DATE
Oregon	Seaside	May 31, June 1-2
North Dakota	Williston	June 3-4-5
Arizona	Flagstaff	June 6-7-8-9
Texas	Fort Worth	June 6-7-8-9
Connecticut	Middletown	June 8-9
Indiana	Michigan City	June 8-9-10
Michigan	Pontiac	June 8-9-10
Nebraska	Falls City	June 8-9-10
South Dakota	Rapid City	June 8-9-10
Minnesota	Red Wing	June 14-15-16-17
Washington	Tacoma	June 14-15-16
South Carolina	Columbia	June 15-16
Rhode Island	Wakefield	June 16-17
Maine	Belgrade Lakes	June 29-30, July 1
Illinois	Springfield	July 25-26-27
Montana	Lewiston	July 25-26-27-28



Social and Community Welfare Committee Chairman Jerry Collins, Secy. Wm. J. Corbett and Est. Lead. Knight Joseph T. Ross, left to right, inspect a traction apparatus, one of three presented to Lawrence Memorial Hospital by Medford, Mass., Lodge whose members donated over \$7,000 to the Hospital's new wing.



New Jersey's Secy. of State, Edward J. Patten, center, was the guest of honor at a testimonial dinner given by Perth Amboy, N. J., Lodge to which Mr. Patten has given many years of service. With him are former Sen. John E. Toolan; City Atty. Francis M. Seaman, Toastmaster; E.R. Joseph E. Bergusi, and David Silverman.



This is the Ritualistic Team of Ridgefield Park, N. J., Lodge which captured the State title. Left to right, foreground: Chaplain James Cifelli; Est. Loyal Knight Robert Heiney; E.R. W. H. Buron; Est. Lead. Knight Harry Moretti; Est. Lect. Knight Max Horowitz; Second row: Inner Guard John McCormack; Coaches and P.E.R.'s Henry P. Phelan, Joseph Smith and William J. Porr, and Esq. Harold McGrath.



E.R. Russell Kissam of Freehold, N. J., Lodge, fifth from left, accepts a check, representing the proceeds of the lodge's annual Charity Ball for New Jersey's "Boys Town", directed by Rev. Father Robert Egan from Inner Guard Carl Lamb. Others pictured, left to right, are Secy. Frank E. Gibson, Est. Lect. Knight Jack E. Rooney, Est. Loyal Knight Howard Warren, Chaplain F. C. Gibson and Esq. George Thompson.



Grove City Lodge officers who won the Pa. Ritualistic title, seated, left to right: Est. Lead. Knight A. L. Miles, E.R. George McGinty, Loyal Knight Robert Gilliland; standing: Chaplain Stanley Perrine, Inner Guard C. M. Rudolph, Lect. Knight William O'Mahoney; Esq. M. F. Olin.



Photographed when Elizabeth, N. J., Elksdom presented this station wagon to the County Cerebral Palsy League were, left to right, League Pres. J. R. Pollatschel, League Director Effie Scheidler, E.R. Joseph R. Lombardi, Est. Lead. Knight Thos. M. Whyte, Jr., and Al Marcus, driver.



HEART ATTACK FATAL TO JAY H. PAYNE

Probate Judge Jay H. Payne, a Past Exalted Ruler of Ann Arbor, Mich., Lodge, No. 325, who suffered a heart attack on Apr. 14th, passed away three days later at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital. He was 58 years of age.

Well known for his deep interest in the welfare of our young people, Judge Payne had served on the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee from 1951 through 1954, acting as its Chairman his final term. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary in

1954 and was a member of that group at the time of his passing. He had also served two terms as District Deputy and was President of his State Assn. in 1951.

Judge Payne was an enthusiastic promoter of the Elks National Foundation and his drive in this direction resulted in a great increase in individual subscriptions in his State.

To the countless friends and associates, but particularly to the wife and two sisters who survive Judge Payne, we offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.



In 1928, under the leadership of the late L. J. Gurnier, Ithaca, N. Y., Lodge organized a Boy Scout Troop among handicapped youngsters at the Reconstruction Hospital. Since that time over 600 boys have been served by this program, and it's still going strong, one of the most active groups in Scouting. Here are the current members of the Explorers and Cub Units of the Ithaca Elks' Troop 20 with, second from left, background, Advisor George P. Jessup and, fourth from left, J. Lawrence Smith, Cubmaster and Scoutmaster.



This photograph shows part of the 48-passenger \$5,000 bus the Elks of Etna, Pa., presented to the Cerebral Palsy Schools in Etna and Millvale for the transportation of cerebral-palsied youngsters to their special schools. Equipped with an electric elevator for wheel chairs, it is the largest single charitable project of Etna Lodge, which also gives a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving high school student each year, through voluntary subscription of its membership. Pictured with nurses and some of the students who will use the bus is E.R. C. J. Rylands.



As former Dept. officer of the State American Legion, E.R. Hugh C. Graham, fourth from left, presented to P.E.R. Frank J. Vellali, Chairman of West Haven, Conn., Lodge's and the Conn. Elks Assn.'s Veterans Service Committees, an American Legion Distinguished Service Citation in recognition of the lodge's service to VA patients there. Looking on at left is Chaplain and Committeeman Olney Cady, VA Hospital staff member William Foster and Committeeman Dominic E. Garofalo.



Pictured when Jacksonville Beach, Fla., Lodge made its first presentation of American Flags to Fletcher High School were, left to right, foreground, Sophomore Class Pres. Duke Scoot; Asst. Principal Charles Council; Principal Frank Doggett; Mayor I. B. Sams, P.E.R., who made the presentation; Athletic Director I. W. Brant, the lodge's Youth Activities Committee Chairman, and Flossie Copeland, Chairlady of the Sophomore Class Projects Committee. In the background are other Sophomores.



Dignitaries in attendance at the dinner marking the institution of Fayetteville, Ark., Lodge, No. 1987, included, seated, left to right, G. M. LeMarr, D.D. Victor H. Wilder, Field Representative Floyd H. Brown of the Elks National Service Commission, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, D.D. Boland Phillips and Special Deputy Bert M. Wysor. Standing are other State Elk officials, among them, sixth and seventh from left, State Pres. James T. Aaron and Secy. Sam Milazzo, and, at right, James M. Vaughan of the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee.



Milwaukee, Wis., Elks Honor State President

E.R. William P. Robb and the members of Milwaukee Lodge No. 46 were hosts to Pres. Kenneth F. Sullivan and officers, Trustees and former presidents of the Wis. Elks Assn., as well as officials of Kenosha Lodge, at a gala dinner attended by approximately 175 members.

Following the banquet, the 55-man State President's Class was initiated by the Kenosha officers led by E.R. Carl Larsen. Among the 250 Elks on hand for this event were Grand Esquire Alfred E. LaFrance, Chairman Arthur J. Geniesse of the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee and former Grand Lodge Committeeman Wm. I. O'Neill.

The famous Elks Plugs of No. 46, 40-strong and in full regalia, put on an exhibition drill and the 30-member Male Chorus entertained during the evening.

Left: A great many of the community's leading citizens were among the 60 candidates, pictured here, initiated into Fairbanks, Alaska, Lodge in a ceremony conducted by Anchorage Lodge's Exalted Ruler Richard B. Smith.

ROAD & GUN

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

Camping, with a boat for transportation, is fun for the family.



DURING THE eleven years since the end of World War II, America has gone far toward becoming a nation of boating enthusiasts. According to the figures, nearly 30 million people took to the water last year in a fleet of close to 6 million pleasure boats. That's a lot of boats. Laid end to end they no doubt would reach from here to practically anywhere. Not to mention the boaters.

As an old friend used to say, however, "I'm a jigger for figgers, but I can't add." Statistics don't mean as much to me as the fact that there seem to be 50 boats and motors in my neck of the woods now for every one before the war. Apparently, everybody has a boat.

There are a number of reasons. We have more money and more leisure—not to mention more people—and folks who couldn't afford a boat before now have both the money with which to buy it and the time in which to enjoy it. Boats are better; motors are more dependable and easier to operate. Furthermore, there is more water. Every new reservoir, whether it was built for power, irrigation or flood control, creates a new covey of boating enthusiasts.

Some of them find their pleasure in boating, period. They'd probably be called the purists and if scooting around in a boat makes them happy then I'm all for it. So far as I am concerned, however, that is too much like driving a car just to be driving a car or riding a horse just to be riding a horse. A boat or a car or a horse appeals to me strictly as a means of transportation. It enables me to get where I want to go and do what I want to do—which usually is to hunt or fish.

This frequently involves camping. Camping, with a boat for transportation, is fun. Admittedly, the main reason we do it is that it enables us to hunt or fish in spots otherwise inaccessible, but our family enjoys this form of outdoor recreation for its own sake, too.

There are many other boat owners who enjoy camping in spots that cannot be reached by road, but there are thousands more who could if they would. This article is chiefly for their benefit. I hope it provides whatever encouragement is needed to get them started and enough

pointers on equipment and technique so they'll avoid some of the blunders I have made.

The kind of camping you do—that is, the food you take, the meals you cook and the equipment you have for cooking them, your beds, shelter, comforts and conveniences—is governed by your method of transportation. A man back packing will take the essentials and little else. His bed and shelter must be light, his food mostly dehydrated, and his cooking equipment simple.

In canoe cruising, you can take more than you would carry on your back, but you still try to hold weight to a minimum, especially if many portages are involved. With horses, you can transport more—in fact, there really is no limit with a big pack string—but there are some luxuries that you ordinarily would do without. When you use a car and camp along the road you can take almost everything you can think of.

Camping with a boat comes somewhere between canoe cruising and auto camping. You can take along more than you would in the former, but not so much as you probably would in the family car. Of course, the size of your boat and motor will determine your load and if you had a boat big enough you obviously could take everything up to and including the kitchen stove. I'm limiting my discus-

sion here to the kind of boat the average sportsman or boating enthusiast is likely to have, however. The man with a cruiser will live aboard, anyway.

Possibly a description of my own outfit and a trip our family took in it about a year ago would be a good way to get started. I have an aluminum boat 14 feet long. It is 51 inches wide at the stern, 58 amidships, and increases gradually in depth from 21 inches at the stern to 27 at the bow. I use a 15-horse motor, which planes it nicely with my wife, my two boys and me, and our fishing tackle and lunch in it, but won't when we add our camping outfit.

Here, of course, is a point that everybody has to settle for himself. A bigger motor would plane this boat with a full load. The resultant gain in speed would be achieved at the cost of greater gas consumption, greater weight and inferior performance for fishing—in which I am chiefly interested—however. Some of my friends have smaller motors and others larger ones on similar boats. It's simply a case of selecting the points that are most desirable from your own standpoint.

At any rate, on this particular trip we left home early Saturday morning. Part of our camping outfit was in the car and part of it was in the boat, on a trailer behind. We wanted to explore a new

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Photo by Ted Trueblood



Ted Trueblood and his family enjoy a noon stop for lunch.

ELKS LODGE ACCOMMODATIONS

WE HAVE HAD so many requests for an Elks Lodge accommodation list that we plan to publish portions of the list from time to time in our travel columns. This third installment will be followed, as space permits, in later issues, until the entire list is published.

Following the complete publication, we plan to incorporate all this information in a pocket-sized booklet for our traveling readers. If your lodge is not listed, it means we have received no answer to our request for information sent out last May.

CALIFORNIA (Continued from March)

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Cocktail Lounge

ORANGE Lunch, Cocktail Lounge

OROVILLE Cocktail Lounge

OXNARD Lunch (Members Only)

Cocktail Lounge

PALM SPRINGS Dinner (Thurs. Night Only), Cocktail Lounge

PALO ALTO Lunch & Dinner, Bar

PARAMOUNT Cocktail Lounge

PASADENA Lunch & Dinner, Bar

PETALUMA Bar

PITTSBURG Cocktail Lounge

PLACERVILLE No Accommodations

POMONA Lunch, Bar

PORTERVILLE Bar

Handle Motel Reservations

QUINCY Cocktail Lounge

RED BLUFF Bar

REDDING Lunch, Bar

REDLANDS Dinner (Meeting Nights only)

REDONDO BEACH Bar

RICHMOND Rooms, Elks Lunch

(Not Sat. or Sun.), Bar

RIDGECREST Bar

RIVERSIDE Bar

SACRAMENTO Rooms, Elks Lunch

Cocktail Lounge

SALINAS Lunch (Not Sun. & Holidays)

Bar

SAN BERNARDINO Rooms, Elks Lunch

Cafeteria, Cocktail Lounge

SAN DIEGO Lunch, Bar

SAN FRANCISCO Rooms, Elks Breakfast-

Lunch-Dinner, Cocktail Lounge

SAN JOSE Lunch-Dinner (Lodge Night) Bar

SAN LUIS OBISPO Rooms

Elks Cocktail Lounge

SAN MATEO Lunch, Bar

SAN PADRO Lunch, Cocktail Lounge

SAN RAFAEL Lunch, Cocktail Lounge

SANTA ANA Rooms, Elks Lunch (11-2)

Cocktail Lounge

SANTA BARBARA Lunch, Bar

SANTA CRUZ Lunch (Men Only)

Dinner (Thurs. Only), Bar

SANTA MARIA Lunch (Sat. Only)

Cocktail Lounge

SANTA MONICA Lunch & Dinner

Cocktail Lounge

SANTA ROSA Lunch, Cocktail Lounge

SONORA Bar

SUSANVILLE Bar

TAFT Bar

TULARE Cocktail Lounge

UKIAH Cocktail Lounge

VALLEJO Bar

VENTURA Cocktail Lounge

VICTORVILLE Cocktail Lounge

VISALIA Dinner (Elks only Wed.), Bar

WALNUT CREEK No Accommodations

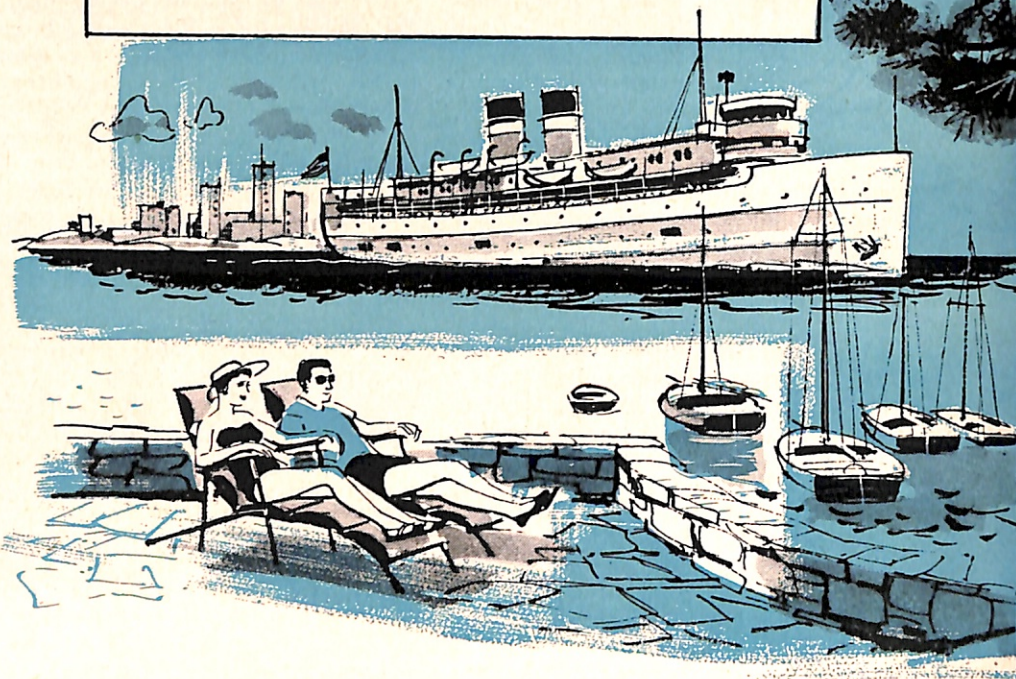
WATSONVILLE Lunch, Cocktail Lounge

WHITTIER Lunch, Bar

WILLOWS No Accommodations

WOODLAND Bar

for Elks who TRAVEL



BY HORACE SUTTON

Chicago is a taking off point for a multitude of scenic spots to combine with your Convention trip.

CONVENTIONEERS encamped in Chicago at the bottom of the loop of Lake Michigan will have all sorts of opportunities to combine the big meeting with excursions into the highlands, the lowlands and the lakelands which stretch to the north and west. You can take off by private car over excellent roads brimming with facilities for the auto tourist, or by lake steamer over summer water routes, or by train over the dozens of all expense tours which commence in Chicago and roam over the rails to the nation's famed scenic preserves.

Now by car, first off, heading towards Michigan, it might be a sensible notion to pick up U. S. route 12, stopping at the state's southwestern gateway at New Buffalo. The highway department operates a tourist information bureau here where you can stock up on maps, folders, booklets and superlatives about the state.

From New Buffalo at the bottom of the state to Mackinaw City on the northern tip of the peninsula, the Michigan west shore stretches for 400 miles, along Lake Michigan, much of it clean, white sand beach.

Near the sand's edge you'll find handsome resort hotels, housekeeping cottages if you want to stay awhile, and plain rustic summer cabins if you'd dare to rough it. If you put into an American plan resort (with meals) you will be tapped from \$5 to \$75 a week per person, a fee which not only includes room and board, but also planned entertainment if you want it, lake swimming, boating, golf and tennis, not to mention the usual lawn games which are a particular pleasure for the pint-sized traveler.

About \$40 a week will net you a housekeeping cottage big enough to pile in a family of four. If, praise be, you should have accumulated an entourage

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of, say, seven or eight, a barracks big enough for all, plus full kitchen and sleeping equipment, will run between \$70 and \$100 a week.

Now, then, if you are the hardy pioneer type you ought to know that there are no fewer than twelve state parks strung along the Lake Michigan shoreline in Michigan. All you'll have to put out here is half a dollar for tent or trailer, plus 20 cents a day if you tap the local source of electricity. Not all these state enclosures permit public camping, but a good beach seems to have been a prerequisite in establishing these preserves. Heading north, the first one you will encounter is at Warren Dunes. It has over 1,000 acres, an excellent beach and bathhouse facilities. Holland, farther along the shore, the place that celebrates Dutch tulip time each year with a rousing ceremony that normally makes the nation's newsreels, has a comparatively small State Park with a really prime beach. An added inducement is the local perch fishing. Some areas, such as Ludington and Silver Lake, not only have beaches but scenic dunes. Many of these can be seen on balloon-tire dune

wagons especially adapted for roaming over the shifting sands.

It is inescapable, should you head north on either the Lake Michigan shoreline or the Lake Huron shoreline of the state, that you will come in time, to the Straits of Mackinac which separates Michigan's two peninsulas from each other. A bridge is being built across this formidable stretch of blue, and its construction is lately one of the most interesting tourist attractions in the area. Vantage points have been set up in Mackinaw City and St. Ignace, and boat trips take out to the support towers close enough for you to see the flying rivets. The job will be finished in 1957.

Between the peninsulas is Mackinac Island, famous for its carriages and for its Grand Hotel, a whopping extravaganza which likes to broadcast that it is the largest summer hotel in the world. It occupies 500 acres, or about a third of Mackinac Island State Park which it adjoins. It also has the world's longest front porch, and uses in its public rooms, the longest piece of carpeting ever made. If you dote on statistics you

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GREAT LAKES CRUISE VACATION

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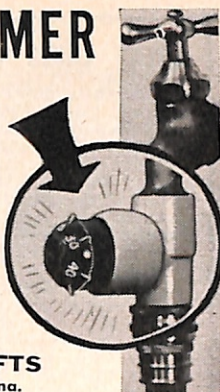
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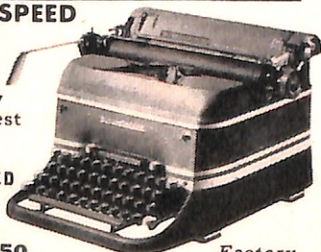
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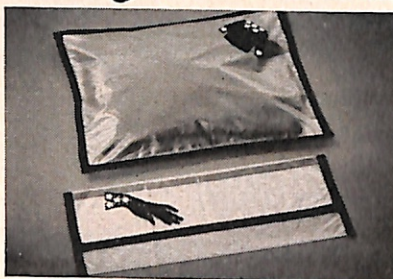
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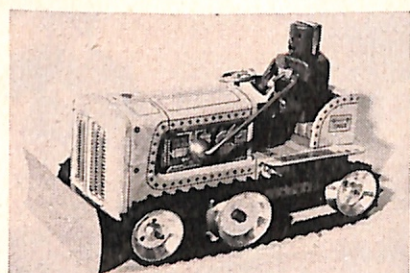
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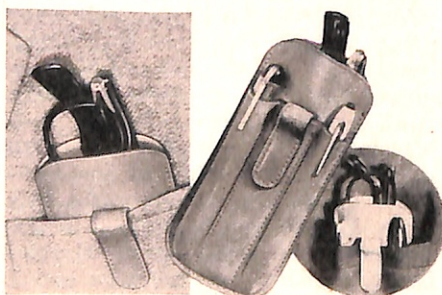


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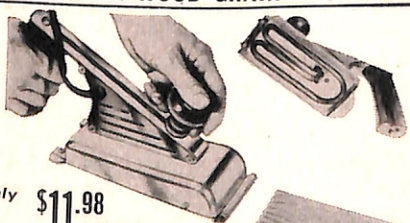
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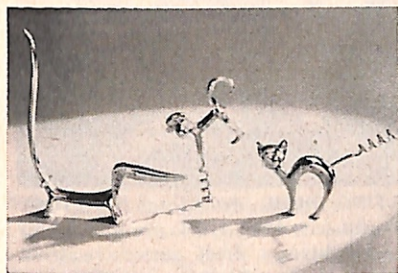
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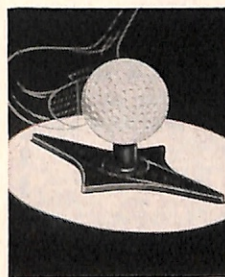


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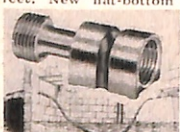
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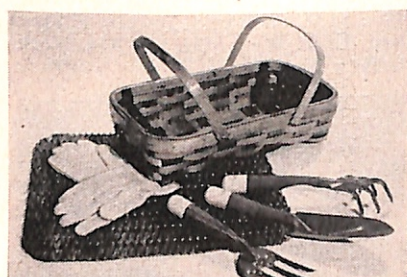
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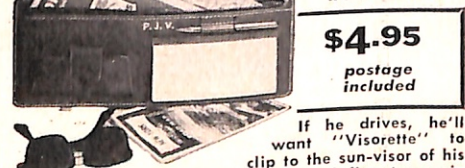
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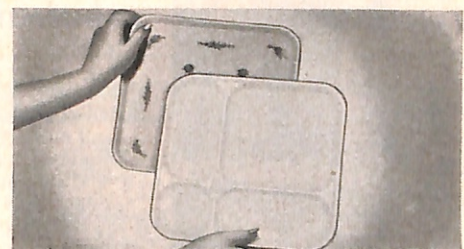
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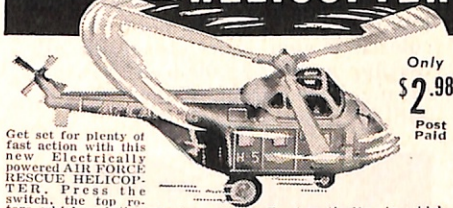
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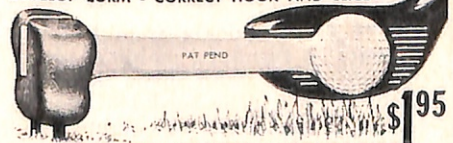
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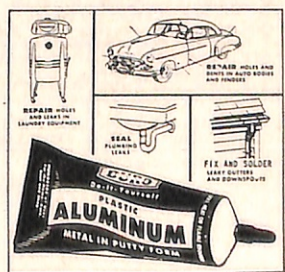


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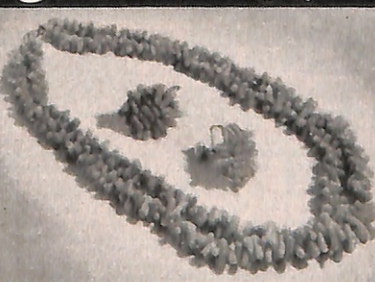
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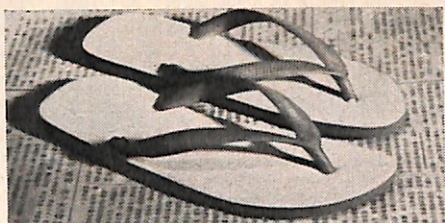
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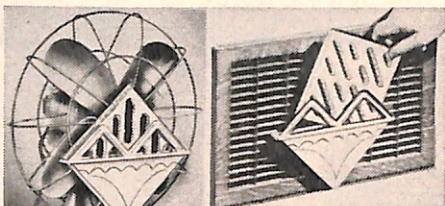


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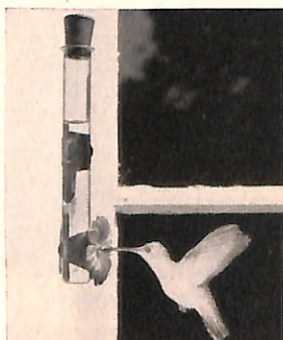


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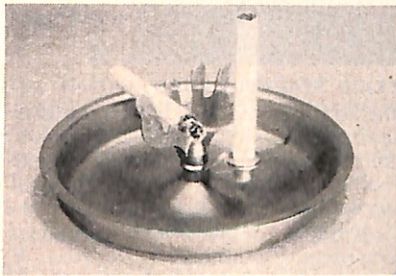


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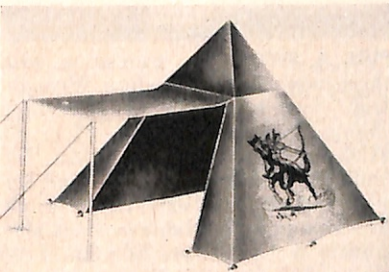
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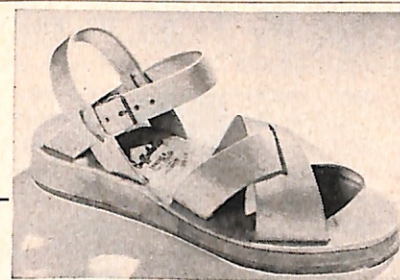
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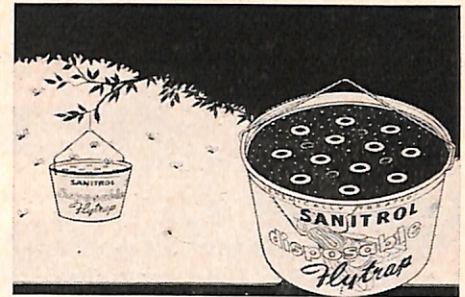
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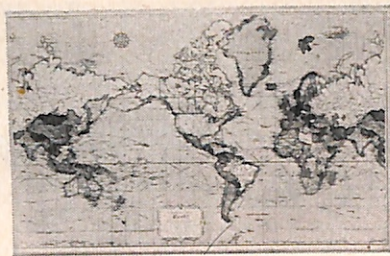


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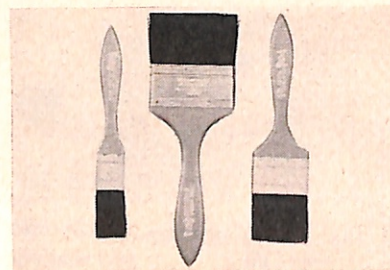
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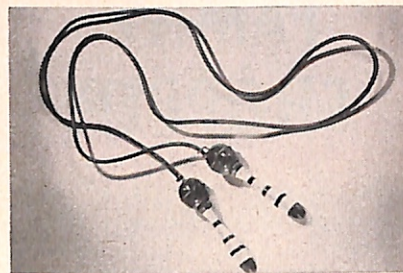
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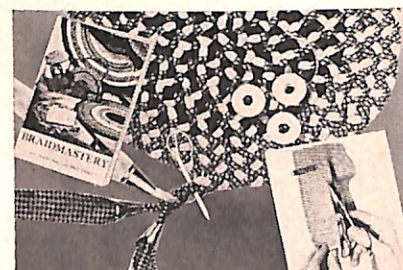
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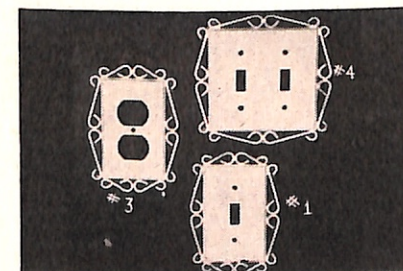
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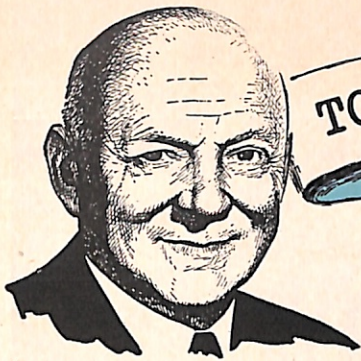
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A WEARY CONGRESS plods its way toward adjournment with one of the most bitter Senate and House battles for leadership looming ahead. Thus far the political storms brewing over the Congressional elections have drawn little attention. The spotlight shines chiefly on the Presidential stellar presentation due to take the stage on August 13 when the Democratic convention meets in Chicago, to be followed by the GOP convention in San Francisco a week later. Ordinarily, Senators and Representatives up for election or re-election count heavily on the force of presidential winds to blow them into port. The situation is quite different this year because of the confused domestic issues covering farming, housing, education, civil rights and other things. Republican and Democratic Congressional Campaign Committees are taking nothing for granted. The House is now Democratic by some 27 votes. There are 93 districts which can be classed as doubtful in November. The Senate stands 49 Democrats and 47 Republicans. The Senate makeup thus seems certain to be close. Naturally, Senators and Representatives who are candidates will seize every advantage possible in the presidential trends. This time, however, they realize that they may be largely on their own and the surest way to get elected will be to get out and get votes.

PLANS HIGHEST JUMP

This Fall an Air Force officer plans to make a parachute jump from 100,000 feet, a height which man has never as yet attained, let alone leap. Lieut. Henry Neilson, 31, of the Air Research and Development Command with headquarters in Baltimore, is the jumper. He will ascend in a pressurized gondola attached to a huge plastic balloon over New Mexico. The bag should reach an altitude of 17 to 19 miles and then Lieut. Neilson will make his drop. It is not a stunt. It is a test of high altitude bailouts of air force flyers from the supersonic combat planes now in the works. Lieut. Neilson is co-holder with Capt. Edward G. Sperry of the record altitude jump from a plane—45,200 feet over the Gulf of Mexico in Nov. 1954. The present record for a balloon ascension is 72,394.8 feet made by Capt. Orville Anderson and Albert Stevens over South Dakota, in

1935. Maj. Arthur Murray, 37, made the record plane flight, about 90,000 feet in a rocket plane in 1954.

CAPITOL FACE LIFTING

The plan to push the East face of the Capitol out some 36 feet to make it balance the wings and, incidentally, provide some lunch rooms and hearing rooms, is meeting stiff opposition from the American Institute of Architects which insists the building is okay as is and should be preserved without change. Across the drive in front of the Capitol is a large space now used for parking cars. They are a blot on the beauty of the Capitol and the architects would agree to putting on a parking ban. But where to park the cars of tourists who visit the Capitol is a problem. They need more parking space and should have it.

IKE'S PUTTING GREEN

Alton E. Rabbitt, a grass expert of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, has been given an extra job. His chief duty is to combat erosion on airfields but once a month he now takes a look at the President's putting green behind the White House. He pokes around to see if bugs or worms or weeds are hurting its "puttability." The sod came from the Aronimink Country Club near Philadelphia. It is called "Penn-lu" and was first grown on the Lu Lu Temple Country Club of Philadelphia. The green has 2,800 square feet.

THOSE TROLLEY BLUES

Washington is a changed city from a quarter century ago but old inhabitants still get a kick out of doing things they used to do. So 40 members of the Washington Electric Railway Historical Society hired an old street-car of 1918 vintage, got aboard and took an 80-mile trip around the town. The car is old "766" and it is kept for the yearly run. It makes a lot of noise but it rocks and rolls along with all the old time bang and clang.

OLD SEARS CATALOGS

Library of Congress has just received microfilm copy of all Sears-Roebuck catalogs since 1888, a strip of film nearly a mile long. Librarian L. Quincy Mumford says they are highly important

Americana. Covered wagons and buggies were on 22 pages in 1896 but disappeared in 1933. Pajamas first appeared in 1899 but for years made no advance against long underwear and flannel nightgowns. Silk stockings were first advertised in 1912. In the 1890 catalogs artificial glass eyes for horses could be bought for \$5 each. Norma Shearer, Gloria Swanson, Anita Colby, and Susan Hayward modeled for Sears catalogs, oh boy.

AN OFFICIAL STICKLER

Government officials, foreign diplomats and all kinds of people in Washington except John Q. Public have special parking permits. The ordinary Federal worker has to get to work an hour ahead of time in order to park somewhere near his building. One taxpayer, however, has been having no trouble at all. He had a neat sticker printed and put it on his windshield. It reads—"Official, U. S. Government, Taxpayer." The "Official" is in big type, the "taxpayer" in fine print. He has parked at entrances of government buildings, in spaces reserved for U. S. Senators, in front of fire hydrants, and other restricted areas and has never received a ticket.

POTOMAC PICKLES

Federal Trade Commission says you can't advertise pillows stuffed with goose feathers and have 34 per cent of them chicken feathers . . . Major crimes are lower now than at any time in Washington since 1949 . . . Agriculture Dept. survey reports women like cotton best in fabrics and the reasons can be obtained by writing for Marketing Research Report No. 112, Marketing Service, Agriculture Dept., Washington, D. C. . . . Church-goers here can park for free on Sundays if they show the parking attendant a copy of the church bulletin . . . Blind operators of vending stands now sell packages of electric light bulbs as a new source of income . . . Auto production will be second highest in history, latest figures indicate . . . Foamite, a foam designed to put out fires, was spread on a landing strip here and a big plane, with a frozen front wheel, slid to a perfect stop . . . Recent checkup shows the Russian Embassy still has the big picture of Stalin on the wall. Wonder how long it will stay there.

NEWS of the LODGES



Ambridge, Pa., Lodge's \$467.25 check, the proceeds of its annual March of Dimes dance, is turned over to the County Vice-Chairman. Left to right: Secy. C. F. McRobbie, E.R. A. A. Sesti, Committeeman C. Chrisman and George Vagias, County Drive Vice-Chairman.



When Pawtucket, R. I., Lodge celebrated a highly successful Father and Son Night with exhibition boxing, Indian dances and hockey, E.R. Max Turcotte, right, received a headdress from the Algonkin Indian Assn. At left is James J. Clark; center, Arthur Breault.



These P.E.R.'s of Arlington, Mass., Lodge were guests at a banquet and meeting, with P.E.R. Salvatore Cannistraro as Chairman.



The Govangeli brothers of Keene, N. H., Lodge are, left to right, Egidio, Tubio, Edward, currently District Deputy, Roger, Arthur and Waldo.



E.R. Edward F. Cetto, third from left, with his brothers, Robert E., second from left, and James D., right, when they were initiated into Athol-Orange, Mass., Lodge in the presence of D.D. Philip Donovan, left.



At Hagerstown, Md., Lodge's Old Timers Night are, left to right, 58-year Elk D. F. Miller, E.R. J. J. Bean, Wilbur Weller who baked the party cake, and 53-year member E. K. Bachtell, P.E.R. and Treasurer.



When 44 candidates were initiated into Peekskill, N. Y., Lodge not long ago, they included the three Scarmellino brothers whose father is a quarter-century Elk. Left to right are Secy. John J. Volkmann, Esq. George Shutt, Jr., Frank Clark, Michael, Salvatore and Francis Scarmellino, E.R. Chas. B. DeLuca and Est. Leading Knight William Reagan.



The "Kitty" number, led by Mrs. French Sensabaugh, wife of the producer-director of Cumberland, Md., Lodge's annual "Minstrelks", is rehearsed before the very successful performance which played to a full house at all four shows to give a net profit of \$9,648, a new high, to the Allegany County League of Crippled Children.



E.R. Stanley Messick of Hickory, N. C., Lodge, second from left, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Dr. Gaither Hahn, Chairman of the Catawba County unit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, third from left. At left is P.E.R. Ford Roberts; at right Jack Bass.



Among the 18 candidates initiated during the official visit of D.D. Dennis F. Maguire to Wakefield, Mass., Lodge were the four sons of long-time Elk Joseph Fotino. Left to right, seated, Robert A., Gerald G. and Joseph Fotino, E.R. John M. Leone, and Franklin J. and Richard P. Fotino.



Above: Springfield, Mass., Lodge's Elk father-sons include, left to right, Tiler Winfield S. Glidden and his son Robert F., and Anthony J. Arno and his father Domenick J.

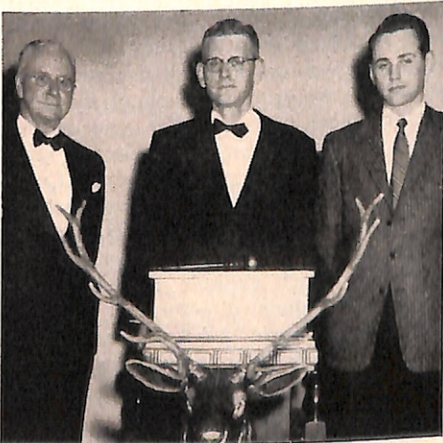
Below: Bound Brook, N. J., Lodge's 36-year Secy. John P. Koehler, right, a member for 45 years, pictured with State Assn. Pres. William Thorne, left, and new Elks John F., Everett E. and Robert P. Koehler.



Left: At a recent meeting, Danville, Va., Lodge paid tribute to the press and radio people of the community when four Appreciation Plaques, suitably engraved and signed by officers of the lodge, were presented by E.R. H. H. Hogan, right, to, left to right, J. E. Allgood, Jr., Mgr. of Radio Station WBTM, Mgr. S. J. Morris, Jr., of WDVA, A. A. Farley, Mgr. of The Register, and The Bee, and Joseph R. Colenda, Mgr. of the Danville Commercial Appeal.



Right: When Columbia, S. C., Lodge presented its \$665 check to the local Polio Drive, the presentation was telecast. Pictured, left to right, on this occasion, were announcer Specs Munzell, Elks T. E. Marchant, Jr., County Campaign Chairman, Elk Ben A. Gardner, Secy. of the local American Federation of Musicians, Mrs. Ray Owens, E.R. Augustus Fitch, Jr., Est. Lead. Knight J. M. Hendley and Secy. J. I. Findley.



When Stephen Adams, right, was initiated into Brattleboro, Vt., Lodge, his father, P.E.R. Lyman C. Adams, center, acted as E.R., while his grandfather, Trustee Fred C. Adams, served as Esteemed Leading Knight.

When historic Eliot Church in Newton, Mass., was destroyed in a spectacular million-dollar blaze, many members of Newton Lodge volunteered their assistance in fighting it, with the lodge home, located directly across the street, offered to the pastor and his parishioners. On this occasion, the pastor Rev. Ray A. Eusden, center, accepted a \$1,000 check from the lodge for his church from P.E.R. and Treas. D. W. Kearns, fourth from left. Looking on are D.D. T. L. McEnaney, right, Est. Lead. Knight J. H. Boyle, left, and E.R. M. J. McVarish.

LODGE NOTES

P.E.R.'s Night was marked recently by Sanford, Me., Lodge with a supper served by the Elks' ladies and an initiatory ceremony in which the P.E.R.'s of the lodge participated. J. Woodrow Vallely was General Chairman for the program which included some talented entertainment.

The 17-man committee which organized Manchester, Conn., Lodge were honored by their fellow members not long ago when a class of more than 40 candidates was dedicated to them. Among the founders were Grand Est. Loyal Knight Arthur J. Roy and P.D.D. John Mangan. Following the initiation brief remarks were made by P.E.R.'s James H. McVeigh and Charles W. Lathrop and Co-Publisher Thomas F. Ferguson of the *Herald*.

Many members of Rumford, Me., Lodge were among the 200 who attended the dinner given at the lodge home in honor of T. F. Spear, Vice-Pres. of Engineering for the Oxford Paper Co. and a 37-year resident of the community. Robert Remsen was Chairman for the lodge's well-deserved tribute to this loyal Elk.

When a 46-year-old woman and her mother were severely burned in an explosion and fire which destroyed their home in Hamburg, N. Y., the local Elks immediately donated \$150 toward a relief fund for the family, and their plea for further aid from its membership realized a total of \$2,800. This gift also included donations from Jamestown, Niagara Falls, Lancaster and Amherst Lodges.

San Angelo, Tex., Lodge has inaugurated a bulletin service for its membership which should make very interesting reading. Edited by Secy. Hugh L. George, the bulletin is entitled "The Elks Bugle".

McKeesport, Pa., Elksdom mourns the passing of William E. O'Toole, an Honorary Life Member and one of its most devoted and generous affiliates. Mr. O'Toole, who spent his time and money in the interest of young people, was the originator of the McKeesport Boys Town.

Three-year-old Midwest City, Okla., Lodge reports a 77 per-cent net increase membership gain. During a recent campaign, outgoing E.R. Roy Gonders and incoming E.R. Charles Mooney tied for the highest number of candidates, with 19 to each. A five-acre tract of land has been bought and paid for, with a new home in the planning stage.



This is the class of 77 candidates initiated into Chicopee, Mass., Lodge under the supervision of D.D. William A. Ouimet, as the "Chicopee Answer to the Grand Exalted Ruler."



New Castle, Pa., Lodge P.E.R.'s and the class they initiated in honor of State Pres. Walter Urban. Among those officiating were P.D.D.'s Verne R. Carr and Clark H. Buell, and N.W. Dist. Pres. A. H. Carpenter, A. I. Garvin, T. S. Armstrong, E. J. Ryan, Archie Thompson and Abe Levine.



• The first officers of North Arlington, N. J., Lodge, No. 1992. Seated center is E.R. John E. Croken.



When Charles Tuill, photographed here, seated with Mrs. Tuill, celebrated his 50th year as an Elk, his fellow members of Toms River, N. J., paid him tribute with a dinner-dance, when the guest of honor received a 50-year membership pin. Standing at left is E.R. William H. Mee; right, P.E.R. Howard A. Black.

Cumberland, Md., Elks' Show Repeats Annual Success

Once again, the "Minstrelks" which the members of Cumberland Lodge No. 63 put on every year for the benefit of the Allegany County League for Crippled Children was an unqualified hit. This year's show established a new record since not only did each of the four performances find the SRO sign on the door, but the net profits reached a high of \$9,648 for the League to which Cumberland Lodge has long been the principal contributor. P.E.R. John H. Mosner was again General Chairman for the program for which capable French Sensabaugh is producer-director.

The 1956 show's "All American" theme was carried out through costume changes which went from red, to white, to blue, and patriotic songs and tableaux.

The production was put on in two acts, the first with 16 fast-moving scenes; the second consisted of a minstrel show with many entertaining musical numbers performed by the talented cast.

with Ed Faust



In the Doghouse

**Taking a pup on your vacation isn't
as hard as it seems**

WHEN VACATION TIME ARRIVES are you a stay-at-home because of your dog? You'd be surprised to know how many otherwise sensible people resign themselves to this lot. Years ago before the family car was a fixture in the average home and transportation companies were less tolerant and hotel managements generally gave Fido no welcome at all, the pooch was a real problem come vacation time. This called for a dog-sitter, usually some unfortunate member of the family, or if the vacationists were lucky a friend might be cajoled to take care of the dog. As a last resort there was the boarding kennel. Today the dog presents no problem to the vacation-bound owner. With the exception of Louisiana, where state law forbids dogs in hotels although allowing them in tourist courts, nearly every state has hotels that will accept dogs.

Transportation companies are more liberal too; some railroads permit dogs in private Pullman quarters, some dogs even in coaches. Some roads still insist that Fido travel in the baggage car but if the owner is traveling on the same train he is usually permitted to attend the dog's needs en route. If that is not allowed, the dog should be crated and feeding and watering instructions should be plainly printed on a card tacked to the top of the crate. Considering the speed of our long distance trains, most rail journeys are not too much of a hardship for the dog that has to be confined to a crate. In fact, some of America's finest show dogs are sometimes shipped that way prior to being shown and if exhibitors found such traveling too severe for their dogs to arrive at the place where they are to be shown you can be sure that dogs of this calibre would never travel by rail.

For air travel, dogs must be crated and the reasons for this are obvious. Dogs traveling this way are consigned to the baggage compartment, although some lines require them to be shipped on cargo liners. If yours is to be an air journey and you want to have your dog travel with you, it is a wise precaution to check with your air line before hand. The only exceptions to these rules are made for dogs used to guide the blind.

Should you elect to travel by boat, most of the larger lines will accommodate

dogs and some of the luxury liners provide fine kennel facilities. Here again it is well to check with the passenger agent or ticket agent to learn the requirements. While on the boat should you be permitted to take your dog out for exercise periods the dog should always be on leash just as it should be in a hotel. The dog should be kept out of public rooms and by all means out of dining rooms. While exercising the dog it should also be muzzled whether it likes a muzzle or not as there are sure to be among your fellow travelers some well-intentioned but unwise persons who just *will* pet any dog that comes to hand. That person will be a stranger to the dog, the environment itself will be strange to the dog and these factors may affect the disposition of the most gentle house pet. To be on the safe

side see that the dog always is muzzled.

Not only do some of the larger lines offer excellent kennel accommodations with trained attendants but also planned, well-balanced menus for the dogs ranging from beef broth to roast chicken with plenty of cereals and selected vegetables. Yes, as a sailor on such boats Fido lives high on the hog. If yours is to be a boat trip check with your ticket agent as to landing requirements of the countries you plan to visit, for some have rigid quarantine requirements; others have scarcely any. It would be wise to find out what papers you'll need before landing your dog.

If you are going to travel by car here are some suggestions to make the trip easier for both you and your dog. Your

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N. Y. Daily News photo



This prize Basset hound has the improbable name Champion Siefenjagenheim Lazy Bones.

LODGE BULLETIN CONTEST WINNERS

Again we present the decisions made by the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities in the Bulletin Contest. As usual, the entries were separated into three Groups—I, for

lodges of more than 1,000 members; II, for lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members, and III, for lodges of less than 500.

Reproduced here is a section of the

title page from each of the top nine entries, with the names of the three successful lodges.

Below that listing are those which received Honorable Mention.

GROUP 1

1. San Diego, Calif.
2. Huntington Park, Calif.
3. Muskegon, Mich.

Phoenix, Ariz., Long Beach, Calif., Toledo, Ohio, Sioux Falls, S. D., Alliance, Ohio, Lincoln, Neb., Great Falls, Mont.



GROUP II

1. San Benito, Tex.
2. Lancaster, Calif.
3. Bozeman, Mont.

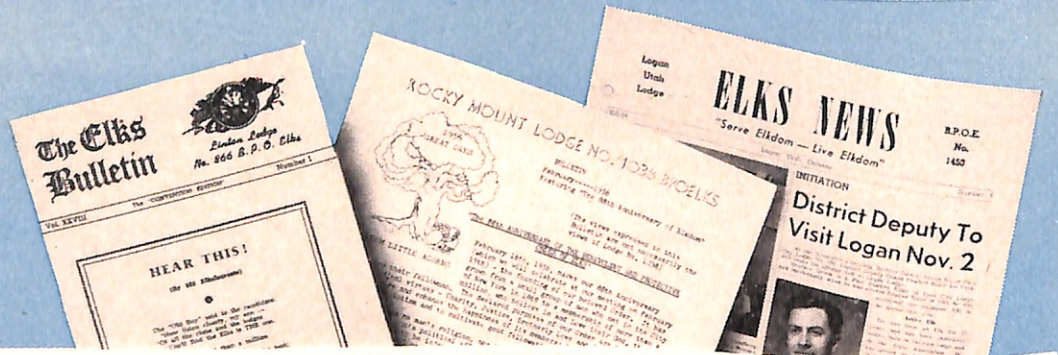
Champaign, Ill., Chadron, Neb., El Monte, Calif., Norwich, N. Y., Galveston, Texas, Ashland, Ky., Niles, Mich.



GROUP III

1. Linton, Ind.
2. Rocky Mount, N. C.
3. Logan, Utah

Kissimmee, Fla., Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., Florence, Colo., Huntington, N. Y., Gardena, Calif., Harrisonburg, Va., Dothan, Ala.



Rod and Gun

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reservoir about 75 miles from home, and we intended to sample the fishing in various parts of it.

When we reached the lake, it took us about half an hour to launch the boat, load the remainder of our camp outfit in it, park the car and trailer out of the way and shove off. We spent most of the day exploring and fishing the south arm of the reservoir, with time out for a lunch on shore. Late in the afternoon, we swung around into the north arm and found a place to camp near a spring.

A quick look showed us where we'd pitch the tent and where we'd do our cooking and eating. I set up the grill and started a fire under it. Then the boys

gathered wood while I unloaded the remainder of our equipment from the boat. First to come was the grub box. I set it near the fire so that my wife could be preparing our evening meal while the boys and I were busy with other things.

As soon as the boat was empty I moored it safely between the old snag of a tree, 30 feet offshore, and a stump on the bank so that it couldn't pound against the rocks in case a wind came up during the night. Then I pitched the tent and tossed our sleeping bags into it. By this time the boys had enough wood piled up near the fire, so we inflated the air mattresses. We finished that job just in time for dinner.

Except for washing the dishes afterward, all our work was done. It had been less than an hour from the time we pulled ashore until we sat down to eat. In the morning, in case we should decide to move on, we would reverse the process and the boys and I would break camp while Ellen cooked breakfast.

Thus our camping required about two hours of work a day. On a big lake or river, where you might find yourself 40 miles from the dock come evening, it would take longer than that to run in and then out again in the morning, not to mention the inevitable time loss involved in staying at a motel and eating at a restaurant. Besides, we'd enjoy a

"FREEDOM'S FACTS"—How Red Leaders View World



The current issue of "Freedom's Facts," which is published by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, was sponsored by the BPOE, one of fifty national organizations comprising

the membership of the Conference. The purpose of "Freedom's Facts" is to present timely, factual truths about the intent and action of the Soviet leaders. The paragraphs which follow were extracted from the current issue and are published because they contain material of outstanding importance, particularly to the anti-communist readership that receives *The Elks Magazine* each month.

Perhaps no one outside of the Kremlin itself can know how the Red leaders think of the world today. But a recent story by the Soviet news service, TASS, gives us a run-down which might well reflect their views.

Looking out from Moscow, the Red leaders see territories in Europe and Asia with a population of some 900,000,000 already under Communist control.

Beyond that, the TASS story reports,

there are the Communist Parties of all countries having almost 30,000,000 members. There are such mass international organizations as the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) with 85,000,000 members, the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) with 85,000,000 members, and many other international groups of women, lawyers, and so on, totaling 200,000,000 members.

In addition to all this, there are the members of social democratic parties, primarily in Europe, which in 1953 had a membership of 10,000,000 people. And the Reds now have a major drive on to woo these 10,000,000 into joining into united front political action groups.

From all this, the Red leaders have concluded that "there is a world system of socialism in existence" and this condition has altered the Communist view concerning the need for violent revolution, in some cases.

Battle on the Political Front

The TASS report states that, in view of the changed correlation of forces, "a parliament can play a role which it could not play in the past when the bourgeoisie was the dominating force in the world. A united working class can create its majority in parliament into an instrument of popular will. In the present

conditions the winning of a parliamentary majority by the working class with the support of the peasants and various other popular forces is not unfeasible, and it would promote the safeguarding of peace and the carrying out of deep-going social transformations. . . . This unity is an indispensable requisite for averting war and insuring the advance of the peoples toward socialism."

If this is the thinking behind the current campaign of the new Red leaders to gain the support of Socialists (equally Communism and Socialism), and to offer an apparently friendly hand to countries such as Turkey, Egypt, India and Britain, we can expect greatly stepped up Communist activities on the political front in every free world country.

And it is precisely in this area that the United States is necessarily weakest. For we do not have parties which we can control inside other countries, nor do we have front groups to do our propaganda and political bidding as do the Reds. If the battle between East and West is to be concentrated in this field, a great deal of work must yet be done to bolster anti-Communist forces with effective ideas and support. If the battle for freedom is to be won under such conditions, it must be won by the informed people in each country of the free world.

couple of hours around the campfire after dinner, and if we decided to start fishing at daylight we'd have only to step down to the shore and do it.

Now about our outfit. We have a light sleeping bag and air mattress for each member of the family. They provide maximum comfort with minimum weight and bulk. Our tent is an 8 x 8-foot tepee, or miner's tent, with nylon-screened window and door and a sewed-in, waterproof floor. It weighs 12 pounds and is absolutely bug, mouse and snake proof. This type tent is the easiest of all to pitch—I can set it up in ten minutes—and with its zippered outer door it does very well in either wind or rain.

Our grub box holds a nesting cooking outfit, complete with nesting, stainless-steel, dish- and washpans, knives, forks, spoons and cooking tools, in one compartment. Food goes into the other. An aluminum griddle lies across the top, next the lid. The lid is hinged and swings out to make a low table, which is reserved for the cook.

Ordinarily, we cook on a grill over an open fire, rather than on a gasoline camp stove. The stove is convenient where wood is scarce, but it weighs 17 pounds and an extra gallon of gas weighs seven with its container. The grill weighs four—a weight saving of 20 pounds.

Similarly, our tent might be bigger. It's snug for four. But we use it only to sleep in during warm weather, anyway,

and a bigger one would be heavier. On boat camping trips we usually get along without the convenience of the folding table and chairs that we take in the car. They're nice, but their weight and bulk are considerable.

The heaviest single item on a boat trip of any length is gasoline. I have two remote fuel tanks for my motor and they weigh 50 pounds apiece full. The twelve gallons they hold is enough for our usual weekend, but here is 100 pounds that can't possibly be pared down, and if we intend to go farther we can figure about 40 pounds more for each additional five gallons and container.

Our camera box, fishing tackle, rubber boots, clothes in waterproof duffel bags, and possibly an extra grub box or ice chest, vacuum bottle and miscellaneous small items make up the remainder of the load. Life-preserver cushions don't weigh much, but they do occupy some space.

This makes a total load, including family, gasoline, camping equipment, food, and other smaller items, that varies between 700 and 800 pounds. It is well within the safe limit for the boat—always the first consideration—but, as I said before, too much for the 15-horse motor to plane. Once we make camp and unload about 200 pounds, of course, we can plane to nearby fishing spots very nicely.

Obviously, my ideas of an adequate

camp outfit—which I think I have—might be different from someone else's. We allow ourselves the luxury of such foods as canned goods, fresh vegetables and fruit, steaks, and fresh milk. All of them are heavy or else require ice, which is heavy. We could take dried foods, such as we'd use on an extended backpacking or canoe trip, and cut down the weight considerably. On the other hand, some campers might feel poorly equipped without a bigger, heavier tent, a table and chairs, a camp stove and the gasoline to burn in it. The answer in that case would be a bigger boat and motor.

At any rate, the trick is to keep the essentials, including passengers and gasoline, within the safe load limit for your boat. If it has capacity to spare, you can take anything else you like. There is, however, one very real—though not always recognized—advantage in going light: the less stuff you take, the less you have to take care of. I've seen auto campers with so much equipment that they never had time to do anything but load and unload, get out and stow away, set up and take down. I'd rather fish.

Actually, we could go much lighter than we do. Two of us have fished and camped for a week with my 17-foot canoe many times, using the motor constantly, and without resorting to dried food. Of course, the motor was small, so it didn't burn much gas, but we took the tent and beds and suffered no discom-

fort, even when the weather turned bad.

While you need just as much of everything for an overnight trip as you do for a week, with the exception of food and gasoline, I'd suggest that anyone trying boat camping for the first time plan to go one day and come back the next. The chief advantage of easing into it in this fashion is that your mistakes won't be so painful. If you take a lot of things you don't need—all beginners do—you'll know to leave them home next time. If you leave out something you should have, you'll put it in. Then too, it is easier to plan food for two days than for a week or more.

After a couple of easy shake-down trips, you'll be ready for more extensive adventures. The next logical question is where to go, and the equally logical answer is that there are so many places that it would be impossible even to start to list them. Since so many reservoirs have been built in the arid regions of the country, there is no area devoid of possibilities. Many have so many that they can't possibly all be explored, even in several seasons.

Gasoline and food are available here

and there along the shore of many of the larger lakes and streams. This makes a camping-cruising trip easier, but an outing of reasonable duration is not difficult, even where they are not. Nor are a big lake or river the only kind to offer possibilities. Even on a moderate-sized body of water you can find seclusion and get away from the dust and dirt of road's end by boating your camping outfit a mile or two away and making camp there.

As in all kinds of camping, common sense is your most valuable asset. When black flies or mosquitoes are bad, pitch your tent on an exposed point so that the breeze will carry them away. Where wind is likely to be a problem, you'll be more comfortable in the lee of trees or a bluff. A camp on low ground or in a ravine is always subject to flooding, and this is a real hazard in areas where cloudbursts occur. Before you turn in for the night it's always a good idea to beach your boat out of the reach of waves or else moor it so that a wind can't pound it against the shore.

And that brings us back to the family outing of a year ago I started to tell

about. We sat around the campfire Saturday night until the boys began to get sleepy and then we went to bed. Sometime during the night, the wind came up, and it was a howler. The lake was rolling whitecaps when we got up, and the blow continued most of the day.

Fortunately, our camp was fairly well sheltered by some trees near the spring. We fished from shore for awhile and then went on a hike looking for Indian rock writing, which is not uncommon in our area, arrowheads, pretty rocks, mushrooms or anything else of interest. Although we didn't find much for our dinner, the hike was fun.

We ate about two p.m. and then fished some more. By this time, the wind began to lose its vigor, so we broke camp, loaded the boat, motored down the lake to the car and went home.

We would have seen more of the reservoir if the wind had not blown Sunday, but even so, nobody felt that any of our time was wasted. We all enjoyed every minute of it, and there is the compensation that considerable exploring still remains to be done. We're looking forward to that this year.

For Elks Who Travel

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might also like to know that the hotel is closed 81 per cent of the year, but one of the times it is open will be while you are convening in Chicago.

For nautical types who would like to sail right out of Chicago to local destinations, the Georgian Bay Line's "S.S. North American" departs from here every Saturday on a 7-day adventure. Leaving Chicago in the mid-afternoon, it pulls into Mackinac Island the next day, then visits Detroit, moves to Buffalo for an all-day stopover, touching back at Mackinac Island and then returning to Chicago before noon on Saturday. Rates run from \$154.50 to \$175.50, and you can count on sunning on the deck, dancing, deck games, and the traditional captain's dinner. For anyone who wants to head north before boarding a ship, the Canadian Pacific RR has two modest cruisers sailing from Port McNicholl near Toronto to Fort William. You could board ship at Sault Ste. Marie in northern Michigan and proceed east or west in Canada by boat.

Post-conventioners rolling north to the cool lands by way of the west shore of Lake Michigan may wish to pause briefly at Jack Benny's birthplace, Waukegan, before crossing into Wisconsin. Besides the lakeshore, Wisconsin has who-knows-how-many smaller puddles, and probably the nearest of these is the resort of Lake Geneva. I must say a real Geneva spirit exists here, and the hotel owners have grown all but giddy in keeping a Swiss motif. For example, you can take your choice of such lakefront hotels as the St. Moritz, the Geneva or the Luzern (not to mention the Lake View

Inn and the Hotel Traver which somehow avoided a Swiss cognomen). Neither should one forget the Lake Como Hotel which is on nearby Lake Como, and not to be confused with the original in Italy (or the three others—in Monmouth, N. J.; Jasper, Miss.; and Wayne, Pa.).

The Indians, of course, didn't call Lake Geneva, Lake Geneva. They called it Kishwaukee, which means Clear Water. Now the shoreline is occupied by well-to-do Chicago families who call it home in the summer. Anyone who would like to join them will find this resort by taking U. S. 12 from Chicago for 75 miles north and west.

Although Wisconsin's state parks don't run like beads along the Lake Michigan shoreline the way they do in Michigan, the state does have similar layouts on the west bank of the lake. You'll find one by heading north out of Milwaukee to Terry Andrae, four miles south of Sheboygan.

There are some 170 acres to romp in, and especially a collection of Lake Michigan sand dunes.

One of Wisconsin's best known attractions is Wisconsin Dells, which is located northwest of Madison on Route 12. The Dells are a 12½-mile gorge washed by the Wisconsin River and decorated all the way with towering sandstone cliffs, clear deep waters, narrow canyons, green moss and pine-perfumed air. The big show are the boat trips through the Dells, but you'll also find an Indian Village where Winnebagoes live in replicas of their original abode and sell replicas of their original goods, an Indian ceremonial put on nightly in a natural amphitheater, a Florida ski show (water, to be sure), a miniature railway, and all sorts of endeavors to keep you away from home for days and days. Greyhound and the Milwaukee offer package tours of the Dells which is (or are) 192 miles from Chicago.

And finally, speaking of package trips, Chicago is the hub for the rail and bus tours that will send you rolling west to the national parks. The itineraries include Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Salt Lake City, Bryce Canyon, Denver, Las Vegas, the Boulder Dam, San Diego, Tijuana, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Yosemite and San Francisco. Figure about \$400 for the Far West tours, which take about two weeks; about \$200 for the Yellowstone, Denver and Salt Lake runs which take about 9 days.

The thing is, once you get as far as Chicago, friends, there's no telling when you'll get home. Don't forget to stop the milk and the newspapers.

Elks Magazine Travel Service

Travel information is available to Elks Magazine readers. Just write to the Travel Department, Elks Magazine, 386 Fourth Ave., N. Y., stating where you want to go and by what mode of travel. Please print name and address. Every effort will be made to provide the information you require, but kindly allow three weeks for us to gather the information. Because of seasonal changes in road conditions, if you are traveling by car be sure to state the date that you plan to start your trip. More and more Elks and their families are taking advantage of this service. Are you?



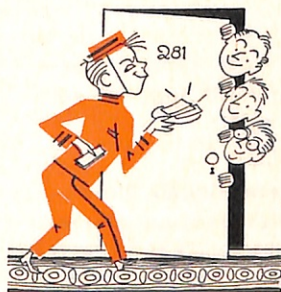
Greetings from Gus

Roll out the new carpet and don't pull in the welcome mat because you're seeing a new face. I guess that most of us, at one time or another, have had a yen to do a Winchell and I've got just enough drag around here to have 'em scrape the bottom of the barrel and come up with me. So they've given me a chance to set my gripes to music and so I won't pull my punches.

I've been an Elk for thirty-seven years and we oldsters ain't so sure that the streamlined Elks are the same breed as the Model T type were. I put my boy in our lodge a few years ago and he spends lots of time in the Club but he don't go to the meetings. I can remember when we packed 'em on lodge nights and there were always a few spread-eagle orators on hand to take either side of any argument and it was better than a Broadway show.

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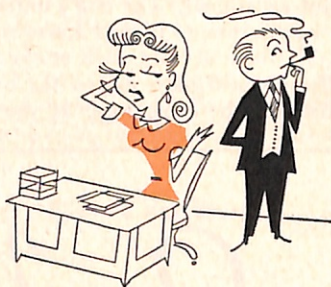
I've always argued that you've got to have the makings before you can really appreciate what Elksdom means. You've gotta have the gift for giving and to know for sure that the giver gets more out of life than does the getter. I ain't saying that this son of mine represents the new generation of Elks but he was telling me the other day that the man who never lends money or gives it away don't have any friends and he don't need 'em. That ain't the way we veteran Elks heard it. He's old enough to be married and have a family but he's probably waiting for a girl like the one who just got herself engaged to the Prince of Monaco. He claims that a bachelor knows more about women than does a married man. If he didn't, he'd be a married man.



Three Elks suddenly decided to go to a convention. They jumped in a car and drove to Atlantic City without any baggage. The hotels were loaded but one room clerk offered 'em a suite for thirty bucks for the night; and he wanted to be paid in advance. So the good Brothers shelled out the thirty fish and went to

their suite. But the clerk must have had a cop on his conscience because he had a bellboy take up a refund of five fish. But this boy was an adult delinquent and he pocketed two dollars and slipped the visiting Bills the other three. That made the suite cost twenty-seven clams for the night. But they had slapped down thirty on the line when they checked in; the bellhop gonified two and the question was: What happened to the other dollar?

There's a sparerib in this office who's a knockout. This blond job is a smart strudel but she's had certain experiences that have curdled the milk of human kindness, if you follow me. I asked her the pay-off question and she suggested that I should have my brains counted before brushing up on my ignorance. Seems like there wasn't any extra dollar. The visiting fireman paid twenty-seven bucks, the house got twenty-five and the boy pocketed the other two. You, know, that there are times when I count my blessings and wish I was dead!



So, if you happen to meet this Jane, just forget that she's a hunk of heart-break with a wolf-trap smile. Take it on the lam! I'm hoping that you'll go for my bolero and that you'll worry hell out of The Elks Magazine to let me play a return engagement. Say, I'll buy that dream! Maybe I shouldn't have made the try now because I'm not feeling too hot. So, if this break that I'm getting turns out to be a fracture, just remember that I also do card tricks and bird calls.

And so, before the man in the white coat begins to toss his butterfly net, let me bow out with this thought:

Now let us all when we commence to slander friend or foe,

Think of the harm one word may be to those who little know;

Remember curses, frequently, like chickens roost at home,

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For those who seek a vacation spot not far away in Canada, 75 miles east of Toronto, with superb fishing and all the outdoor sports for the family, we recommend Cedar Cove on Rice Lake. All modern conveniences, including house-keeping cottages for the family at moderate rates, make Cedar Cove an ideal spot for a wonderful vacation this summer. Write John D. Dougherty, Harwood, Ontario, Canada.

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One of our readers who returned last summer with his family to Prince Edward Island, Canada's "Garden Province", particularly noticed the increased number of U.S. cars on their roads, show-

ing that more and more Americans are discovering this delightful 140-mile long, crescent-shaped island as an unusual spot for families who want a restful vacation. The Island is separated from eastern New Brunswick by a nine-mile strait, but has excellent car ferry service from Cape Tormentine, as well as Nova Scotia. The Gulf of St. Lawrence side of P.E.I. is by far the better since it has one of the finest salt water beaches in the world, with water temperature usually around 70° and low surf. The Gregor Hotel, Brackley Beach, very ably and congenially run by Jack and Lorna Cameron, is recommended. American plan rates are about nine dollars a day, but by all means reserve one of the cottages. A descriptive folder is available.

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From W. D. Sanderson, who at the time of writing was in Istanbul, Turkey, with his family, a recommendation that we "steer more and more of our readers to Egypt, especially in the Winter. With the new Sheppard's Hotel in Cairo opening this Fall and the new Hilton in 1957 accommodations should be excellent."

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From Dan Sanborn in McAllen, Texas, a tip that Elks who plan to visit Mexico and for lack of time do not wish to drive, can fly from the border via the Mexican

Airlines at considerable savings, both tax-wise and on fares. The Mexican lines, because of their devalued currency, have very low rates to permit their own people to use the country's airlines. American tourists can save considerably by taking advantage of this situation. Sanborn's is the state-side agent for Mexican Airlines.

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A Senate-House conference is mulling over changes in the Federal Transportation tax set-up. Travel between the United States and points outside the northern portion of the Western Hemisphere, under present law, are tax-exempt from the last stop in the U. S., Canada and Mexico. The House Bill would lift the tax on that portion of the trip from the last United States stop. The Senate version would remove the tax from the entire trip. These changes in either case, whichever is finally decided upon, would result in considerable savings for travelers. We shall try to keep you informed.

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Today's Greatest Living Tribute to the American Indian, The Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial at Gallup, New Mexico, will be held this year from August 9th through the 12th. More than 12,000 Indians accept the invitation to take part each year. This will be the 35th year for a colorful historical American event.

In the Doghouse

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first precaution is to have your dog examined by your vet and get from him a certification as to the dog's health. It isn't very likely that you'll be asked to show this when crossing state lines but some states have laws regarding rabies vaccination, as do cities and even communities.

While traveling don't permit the dog to lean out of a car window. True this looks amusing, but it is hazardous, as dust, dirt or some small object may blow into the dog's eyes or it may even be struck with a larger stone or other article that might inflict serious injury. If you are willing to permit the dog to ride on a seat instead of the floor, it will be a kindness to the upholstery to provide a folded blanket for the seat but actually the best place for the dog to ride, and one where he will cause the least distraction to the driver, is the floor. Don't, of course, fasten the dog's leash to anything in the car while it is on the dog. An impulsive dog might leap through an open window and could easily be strangled this way. It is well to forbid the dog to leap from seat to seat as this too is distracting to the careful driver. Fido should be taught to remain in one place.

Don't, and I'm sure that being a kind owner you won't, consign your dog to the trunk of your car. I saw a dog that had been driven forty miles, a large Kerry blue terrier, that way in the course of a

broiling hot day and I never felt more sorry for an animal. The dog's unfeeling owner was surprised when I spoke sharply to him about it. My wish at the time was that I could have driven the owner that distance the same way. If you find

it necessary to leave your dog in your car while you make a short stop-over, be sure you park in a shaded place and leave one or two windows lowered at least an inch for circulation of air for the dog. If the dog travels well give it a biscuit

Our New Home

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After 35 years of location at 50 East 42nd Street, New York City, The Elks Magazine on April 30th moved its offices to 386 Fourth Avenue, New York.

The reason for this move was two fold:

To obtain increased space made necessary by the expansion of The Elks Magazine activities because of the rapid growth of the Order during the past decade.

To provide a coordinated office arrangement wherein all departments are located on a single floor. At the previous address the Circulation Department occupied two spaces several floors removed from the other departments.

But one thing has not changed—Brother Elks, as in the past, are always welcome to visit our offices.

or other tid-bit occasionally, but don't give a full meal until you come to the end of your day's traveling. Carry along some cool water in a vacuum bottle and of course bring the dog's drinking dish. The dog's traveling equipment should consist of two dishes, one for food, the other for water. These will be needed most upon arrival at your destination. Along with these should go the dog's blankets, for bear in mind that hotels do not like to have dogs use their bedding. Be sure your dog wears its collar and also be equally sure that the collar has a tag with your name and address (your state too) engraved on it. Should your dog wander away this will be your only means of identification.

If your trip carries you into Canada you'll find the dog's health certificate a must and you should have a signed statement from your vet that your dog has been immunized against rabies. Should you go into Mexico the health certificate will be visaed by a Mexican consul. If you remain in that country for more than thirty days with your dog you will have to show a certificate to the U.S. border authorities stating that the dog has been immunized against rabies within the past six months. While en route should you stop at an eating place leave the dog in your car as some restaurants and other eating places do not permit dogs. If it is a place indulgent enough to welcome dogs, do not permit the dog to sit at the table and don't wear out the welcome by allowing the dog to eat from any of the plates or other table utensils. Don't feed your dog at all while dining. Many good people there are who aren't exactly enthusiastic about dogs and resent very much eating in the same room with them. This is quite understandable to anyone with common sense. And after

all, Fido isn't noted for his table manners. When you stay at a hotel or tourist court with the dog see to it that it causes no annoyance to other guests. Some hotels provide kennel accommodations but most do not. If you are permitted to keep your dog in your room don't permit the dog to bark or cause any disturbance to other guests. If your dog is a barker, you'd best muzzle him, and this goes double at night.

I clearly recall after many years the frosty farewell I was given by a desk clerk in a small hotel I once stayed in. The morning I checked out the clerk told me in no uncertain way how glad he was to see me go. I had a nine-months old terrier pup with me and no muzzle. That pooch elected to stand guard all night and barked at every sound much to the distress of the guests on that floor and the management itself.

While this is your vacation, why not make it one for the dog too? Dogs like to investigate, to visit strange places. If you are in country free from much auto traffic and have reasonable control over your dog, let him run free. Be sure to take him out for an exercise period every day. Long walks with the dog will be good for both of you. If the weather is hot don't allow the dog to play violently. If you are near water let the dog enjoy a swim—all dogs can swim and most of them enjoy it.

If you want a list of hotels and tourist courts that accommodate dogs write to me or to Mr. Harold Luce, Manager of the Elks Travel Department, and we'll tell you where you can get one. The list is the only one of its kind that I know of and is not only comprehensive but has proved immensely helpful to Elks who have used it in planning vacations with their dogs.

Auto Accidents Can Be Curbed

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own") have failed. Nothing works except hard and swift crack-downs on violators of the traffic code. Fear of punishment is the best deterrent to lawlessness and bitter experience has proved it is our only hope of averting the complete chaos which threatens the highways of America.

The entire issue of this magazine could be filled with documented case histories of states and communities that have reduced accidents, practically overnight, by warning drivers violations will bring stiff penalties. In 1953 Governor Arthur B. Langlie, of Washington, adopted a get-tough policy that was implemented by a flood of summonses issued for common traffic infractions. Within a year, fatalities in Washington were cut 20 per cent, accidents dropped 15 per cent and motorists in the state collected a nice dividend of a \$6,000,000 reduction in insurance rates.

The New Jersey Turnpike, a super-highway opened a few years ago, was a

notorious death-trap despite the safety features built into it. When the police were ordered to haul speeders and reckless drivers into courts for immediate arraignment, the accident rate on the Turnpike dropped precipitously.

Last summer Governor Abraham A. Ribicoff, of Connecticut, was outraged by the sickening death toll on the Merritt Parkway, which has a top speed limit of 55 miles an hour. Ribicoff sponsored a bill automatically suspending for thirty days the licenses of drivers convicted of speeding and a sixty-day suspension for second offenses. Although Connecticut's accident rate already was the lowest in the country after Rhode Island's, Ribicoff's declaration of war on excessive speed squeezed more blood from the statistics.

In 1954, twenty-four states threw the full weight of strict enforcement behind a "Slow Down and Live" campaign between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the period of heaviest motor travel. It

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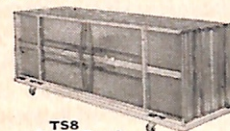


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was found that an increase of 6.9 per cent in speeding convictions produced a drop of 12.3 per cent in deaths during the three summer months. The campaign was repeated in 1955, with a significant—if discouraging—insight to the perversity of human nature. Fatalities did not hit the traditional summer peak of previous years, but a nation-wide epidemic of accidents as soon as the program was abandoned brought the 1955 death total close to the all-time high.

What accounted for the sudden wave of bad smash-ups when the roads were comparatively clear? Drivers, knowing that vigilance was relaxed after Labor Day, began pressing accelerators down to the floorboards again and the wail of ambulance sirens presently was loud throughout the land.

Perhaps the most dramatic evidence that the skyrocketing curve of automobile accidents can be reversed is provided by Detroit. In the last fifteen years Detroit has won more safety awards than all other large cities combined—yet there was a time it was the most dangerous city in the United States for drivers and pedestrians. Detroit, in fact, was the worst possible advertisement for its most famous product. The situation was so alarming that five leaders of the industry held an emergency meeting on May 12, 1941, to combat the menace before public opinion turned against the use of cars and affected sales. The gravity of the crisis was reflected by the men attending the meeting—Edsel B. Ford; General Motors' Charles E. Wilson, the present Secretary of Defense; Chrysler's K. T. Keller; Hugh J. Ferry of Packard and Clarence W. Avery of Murray Corp.

"We've got to prove cars can be operated with safety for pedestrians and drivers," Edsel Ford declared. "There's no better place to start than in our own back yard."

Each executive at the meeting pledged \$12,000 on behalf of his company to launch the Traffic Safety Association, a research project to study the causes of accidents. (More than one hundred large corporations in Detroit now support the T.S.A. in keeping with the enlightened theory that business has a vital interest in the public welfare.) The crux of the problem, the T.S.A. quickly discovered, was disrespect for the law. People did not begin to appreciate the necessity for complying with traffic regulations when a cop wasn't looking. They resented, rather than approved, stiff penalties for chronic violators. They pulled wires and exerted pressures that made it politically unpopular to administer the law.

Changing those attitudes involved a job of mass education that would have discouraged a lesser organization than the T.S.A.—or, perhaps, an industry with less at stake. The T.S.A. tackled it by first correcting attitudes of municipal officials, the police and judges, impressing upon them the urgency for enforcing existing laws.

An old statute on the books gave the courts authority to send a driver to jail for ninety days for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Four moving violations in a year—speeding, passing red lights, reckless driving, etc.—were supposed to carry an automatic six-month suspension of a license. Speeding twenty miles in excess of the limit in any given

zone was an offense punishable by thirty days in jail, even if the culprit's record was otherwise spotless. Drivers guilty of manslaughter or criminal negligence were liable to stiff jail sentences up to two years.

To repeat, the automobile manufacturers did not high-pressure Detroit officials to enact stringent laws. All they asked was enforcement of regulations adopted many years before. Judges George T. Murphy and John D. Watts, of the Traffic Court, announced they would adhere to the strict letter of the law. The city administration promised to support Murphy and Watts up to the hilt and spread the word through the grapevine that traffic tickets no longer would be fixed.

The result: In 1940, the year before the T.S.A. was organized, 47 fatalities and 1,774 injuries were attributed to drunken drivers in Detroit. In 1953, drunken drivers caused three deaths and 135 injuries. In that one category, fatalities were reduced 90 per cent while automobile registration increased 60 per cent. Overall, Detroit had six traffic deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles in 1940. By 1955 the ratio had been cut in half, to three deaths per 10,000 vehicles.

Detroit's drivers are no different from people elsewhere. They don't like harsh laws any more than you do, but they accept them because they know no one gets preferential treatment in Detroit.

"That's the key to any law enforcement policy, especially with traffic violations, an area in which fixing tickets is a widespread practise," Judge Watts says. "When I first was elected to the Traffic Court in 1935, the corridor leading from the elevator to my office was jammed every morning with politicians and lawyers trying to fix tickets. We've eliminated that abuse so thoroughly that a councilman hasn't even approached me since 1945 with a request to quash a summons. I might add, too, that people who carried considerable political weight have gone to jail or had their licenses suspended."

The evils that accompany ticket-fixing, a form of political patronage, were exposed on February 20, 1956, in Suffolk County, on Long Island. J. Irwin Shapiro, New York State Commissioner of Investigations, charged 168 county officials and politicians had interceded with the courts and the police for traffic violators. As a consequence, Suffolk County, with 1.9 per cent of the state's population, had 2.6 per cent of its accidents—and 5.1 per cent of its fatalities in 1954.

"The county's abnormally high accident and death rates were caused by what virtually amounted to a conspiracy to nullify the traffic laws of New York," Shapiro declared. "No bones were made about the fact that whatever the offense—speeding at eighty miles an hour, reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, no license to drive, third, fourth or four-



Upon the recommendation of the Social and Community Welfare Committee of New York Lodge No. 1, in an effort to contribute toward the advancement of the work of two important city departments, the New York City Elks have established two annual awards for honor graduates of the Police Academy and the Fire College of the city. The Police Dept. award is a \$100 scholarship for graduate study at the Baruch School of the City College; the Fire Dept. award, a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond with the recipients of both to be selected by their respective departments. Retiring E.R. Arthur Markewich presented this year's awards to City Fire Commissioner Edward F. Kavanagh, Jr., seated at left, and Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy. Standing, left to right, are Fire Chief Edward Connors; Deputy Fire Chief R. A. Denaham; S. H. Lowell, first Asst. to Mayor Robert F. Wagner; incoming E.R. John J. Mangan; Deputy Police Inspector and Commanding Officer of the Police Academy R. J. Gallati, and Acting Police Capt. Patrick W. Murphy.

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Boston, Mass., Lodge, No. 10, acting in obedience to a vote duly taken at a regular session, respectfully announces its intention to offer at the Grand Lodge Session in Chicago the name of Edward A. Spry, a P.E.R. of that lodge, as a candidate for reelection to the office of Grand Treasurer. The members of his lodge are confident that Brother Spry's proven efficiency in his conduct of the affairs of that important office during the current Grand Lodge year has merited the unanimous approval of the members of the Grand Lodge.

teenth offenders—it could be taken care of."

Most drivers feel abused when they're nabbed by a traffic cop and given a summons to appear in court, but they deserve no sympathy. They literally get away with ninety-nine out of a hundred offenses. Police in all parts of the country freely admit they catch less than one per cent of moving violations. It is no coincidence that the rural death rate from motor accidents is three times higher than it is in urban areas, although two out of every three cars are owned by city dwellers. Why? The greater speeds it is possible to attain on open roads is a factor, of course, but the real reason is that there is only one state patrolman for every 170 miles of paved rural highway on the national average. Stating the proposition more succinctly, the less danger of getting caught, the more danger of getting smacked.

As we stated earlier, fear of punishment is society's best deterrent to lawlessness. Actually, it is not necessary to threaten reckless and careless drivers with stiff fines or even jail sentences to keep them in line. There is a much simpler and more effective method—holding over their addled heads the threat of the loss of their licenses.

"The power to take away licenses invested in the courts eventually will be the lever forcing stricter compliance with traffic laws," Judge Watts says. "Heavy fines mean nothing to drivers whom I can only describe as 'auto crazy.' They even prefer to go to jail rather than lose their precious licenses. The only way to stop these people is to warn them that repeated infractions will keep them off the roads permanently. I believe all courts will have to invoke that penalty as congestion increases. Basically, bad drivers are social problems. It's imperative to eliminate them before they kill someone, maybe themselves."

You'd be scared stiff to operate a vehicle in traffic if you knew how many mentally incompetent drivers are at large on the highways. A slight indication of the emotionally disturbed people sitting behind the wheels of cars is found in hair-raising figures compiled by Detroit's

psychopathic clinic which examines problem drivers referred to it by the courts. Since it was established in 1936, the country's first—and still the only—clinic for testing chronic violators and drivers involved in serious accidents has handled about 10,000 people. Among them were 100 committably insane holders of driving licenses, 850 who were feeble-minded and more than 1,000 who were former inmates of mental institutions.

There are many flaws and loopholes in the motor vehicle laws, but the most glaring weakness is in licensing procedures. Last year some 55,000 drivers were involved in fatal accidents—yet in only seventeen states was their fitness to operate a powerful, potentially dangerous machine tested. Incredible as it seems, the remaining states do not re-examine flagrant, accident-prone drivers or even those convicted of negligence. For that matter, periodic examinations should be given everyone at least once every three years. Physical reactions, vision and hearing deteriorate with age, yet most drivers get automatic renewals of their licenses after passing one test in their lifetimes.

As long ago as 1925 Herbert Hoover, then Secretary of Commerce, headed a national commission that drew up a Uniform Vehicle Code which was recommended to all state legislatures. The Code suggested regulations governing traffic rules, driver licensing, compulsory vehicle inspection and similar safety measures in the public interest. To date, only one state, Arizona, has adopted the Code in its entirety.

One thoroughly reasonable provision of the Code calls for annual check-ups on cars and trucks to make certain they are in good operating order. Only one-quarter of the vehicles in use today are subject to mandatory mechanical inspection. The National Safety Council reports that the average rate of rejection in states requiring such tests is 39 per cent. The vast majority of defective items are brakes, lights and steering wheels, which are directly related to safety.

The blunt truth is that everyone—officials as well as the public—has been apathetic to the point of indulgence toward automobile accidents. We take the view that crashes are inevitable and nothing much can be done to prevent them. Police records show definitely that 90 per cent of all accidents are caused by violations of traffic regulations. Culprits in other areas are prosecuted vigorously for criminal and anti-social behavior that endangers innocent victims, yet reckless drivers literally get away with murder.

Take the indefensibly lax attitude toward speeding, the Number 1 traffic menace. Excessive speed is the chief contributing factor in fully 35 per cent of all fatal accidents, but only a dozen states treat it as a graver offense than shoplifting. In New York, supposedly a progressive state, a driver does not lose his license temporarily until he has been

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slapped with four speeding convictions within a period of eighteen months. His only other penalties are fines that are not at all commensurate with the crime—but the rest of us pay a heavy price for our indifference. The economic loss from automobile accidents—property damage, medical bills, time lost from work, insurance claims—added up to \$4,500,000,000 last year. Car owners absorbed the major portion of that stupendous cost in the form of rising insurance rates.

Sure, there is periodic agitation for cutting down the wanton waste of life and property, but it usually takes a tragedy to bring officials to their senses. In 1952, twelve people were killed by cars in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., a community with a population of 15,000. (The same ratio projected nationally would have resulted in more than 120,000 fatalities.) One of the victims was the only son of Mayor Addison Mallery.

The following year Mallery enrolled the town in the New York State Community Assistance program sponsored by the Insurance Industry Committee, a project aimed at reducing accidents by strict enforcement of speed laws. In 1953, only two people were killed by cars in Saratoga Springs, the second victim a half-hour before New Year's Eve.

Forty-one small towns in New York with a combined population of 1,700,000 now participate in the Community Assistance program. Last year fatalities in those towns were cut 23 per cent. In non-participating towns of comparable size, fatalities showed a 4 per cent increase.

There is no guesswork in the effective action needed to restore some measure of sanity and safety to the roads of America. The Association of Casualty and Surety Companies has drawn up the following list of "musts" needed in every state and community:

1. Swift, positive enforcement of traffic laws.
2. Penalties of sufficient severity to deter offenses.
3. Adequate police to enforce the law.
4. Amendments to driver licensing procedures to assure thorough examination of all applicants and firm provisions for prompt suspension following convictions for hazardous moving violations.
5. Technical assistance in traffic law administration for municipalities under 50,000 population through the establishment of a state facility.
6. Complete divorcement of political interference in the administration and enforcement of the laws.

Twelve states have put muscle into their traffic codes by adopting the so-called point system which automatically takes a driver off the road for a period of not less than thirty days for a serious violation or a combination of minor offenses. The point system is the best method ever devised for insuring fairness and uniformity in administering the law. It also serves the important psychological purpose of tempering public resentment against strict laws strictly enforced. A driver who knows in advance what to expect feels less abused when the book is

thrown at him. Although there are variations in the points—or demerits—charged for violations in each state, Michigan's schedule is typical:

	Caused Personal Injury	Caused Property Damage	Caused NO Accident
Reckless Driving			
Speeding (At least 15 miles over limit)	12	8	6
Improper Passing	12	8	4
Passing Red Light	12	8	4
Passing Stop Sign	12	8	4
Improper Turns	12	8	4

A total of twelve points a year charged against a driver in Michigan brings a mandatory suspension of his license for at least thirty days. He is subject to that penalty, therefore, if he commits: (a) any violation that results in personal injury; (b) two violations, one of which causes property damage; (c) three violations that do not lead to accidents.

A driver is under constant pressure to exercise caution, to be sure, but the motor vehicle code in states that subscribe to the point system is no tougher than the laws governing the ownership and use of firearms. That's the way it should be. A car and a gun in irresponsible hands are equally lethal weapons.

Chuck Plays It Safe

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is its big, ivory-chisel incisors. The lower ones will measure as much as *three inches* from root to tip. Another feature, the woodchuck's eye protrudes slightly above the top edge of the flat skull and makes a low-grade periscope, enabling the chuck to watch an enemy without exposing itself. Some of my contests with that darned periscope eye have been funny.

But these body adaptations are minor and they don't come within a mile and a toad hop of explaining the groundhog's huge success. In fact, they are more than offset by gross disadvantages which make the chuck slow and awkward—two very bad handicaps in Nature's scheme of things.

The changing environment as the country was settled up is often cited as the reason for the chuck's great increase. So let's take a look at the story of the chuck in America and see if that helps any with our puzzle.

In deep-woods regions, like the Ozarks of south-central Missouri, sample counts of groundhogs show that the chuck population in thick forest is quite low. The figure varies a lot but it's on the order of one chuck for every two to five acres. By contrast, the density in open farmland may be as high as two or three chucks per acre, or roughly ten times as much as in heavy woods. Available food is the big factor. This means that the original "forest primeval," which extended from the Atlantic Coast out to the buffalo plains, wasn't nearly as good a chuck habitat as the fields, pastures, orchards and cut-over hill land that came later when civilization set in.

Also, in that vanished American forest the woodchuck had many enemies. The Indian, wolf and panther were the three worst, but others were the coyote, bobcat and wolverine. The fox, eagle and large hawk can't handle adult chucks but they prey considerably on the young. In badger country old Dig Boy is at present the chuck's most serious natural enemy.

THAT the Indian was a great chuck hunter and eater is attested by chuck bones in camping-site refuse heaps and by other evidence. Near Rocky Mountain House in Alberta I once heard a Chipewewa (Ojibway) remark that a fieldful of chucks was better than a field of potatoes. Later an authority on Indian lore told me that this was an old Chipewewa saying, dating back to the time the Chippewas were an Eastern people, and that most of the tribes of the East had a similar saying. Altogether it is probable that the Red Man ate a lot more groundhog meat than he did venison.

The Indians of the Western provinces and the scattered bands of Mackenzie and Yukon still eat a lot of it. They assiduously hunt both the chuck and the hoary marmot, using a spear more than

gun or steel trap. If you crouch up slope from a den and rest the business end of your ten-foot spear on a forked staub at the burrow entrance, you can usually get your marmot within fifteen or twenty minutes, which is practically no wait at all to an Indian. Roasted over open coals, the meat isn't bad eating.

The settling up of the land was good luck for the groundhog in two ways. Its meager woods-fare of leaves and bark was replaced by the lush grasses and crops of the open fields, and at the same time its chief enemies all over its continent-wide range were either eliminated or greatly reduced in numbers.

On the surface it would seem that these two potent facts were the explanation of the tremendous success of the chuck tribe. A good many people have taken this for granted, and for a long while so did I. But when you look deeper you see that this explanation is a sort of booby-trap for the amateur naturalist. A whole raft of questions raises its embarrassing head. Nearly always an increase in the numbers of a species is met by an increase of old enemies or the addition of new ones, but the chuck circumvented this natural law—how? The change of habitat from forest to field proved nearly fatal to many animals of comparable nature but to the woodchuck it was good luck—why?

The answer to this whole complex question is that the woodchuck had something special, which enabled it to take advantage of its radically changed environment. So we are right back where we started—what is this hidden asset by which the chuck outdistanced its fellow-creatures?

From time to time one or another of the several unique phases of the woodchuck's year cycle has been put forward as the explanation of our puzzle. This cycle is indeed interesting and these unique angles are worth taking a look at.

Along about mid-November the groundhog, waddling fat, holes up and hibernates. The adults, which merely have to fatten up, go in first. The young, which have to attain growth besides laying on fat, go in about two weeks later than the adults. Other animals make themselves warm and adequate winter nests but this would be nonsense with the chuck. At most it carries in a few leaves—which as often as not it doesn't use! Typically it simply walls itself up in a side pocket, plumps down on the bare dirt and starts pounding the ear.

This hibernation sleep is very profound. Most people to whom you show a comatose chuck swear that the critter is dead. The faint, slow pulse and infrequent, shallow breathing are hard to detect without instruments, and the chuck feels stone cold because its body temperature is only about fifty degrees. In the labora-

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tory this temperature can be taken down to almost freezing without apparent harm to the chuck.

It is conventional to say that the groundhog hibernates for five months. Actually the period is much shorter. In Orange County, southern New York, I have kept strict record on this for eleven years and the average has been three and a half months. The main emergence usually takes place during the last week in February or the first week in March. My records indicate a curious fact: the *spring weather* doesn't noticeably affect the emergence date; chucks will come out in rather severe cold and wallow around in the snow. It's the weather of the *preceding fall* that determines their awakening in the spring. If a fall is mild and chucks go in late, with maybe a bit of extra fat, they'll come out a little later in the spring than usual, regardless of the weather at that time.

The males wake up a few days earlier than the females and go prowling around from den to den, looking for a mate. This quest is quite energetic. In a light snow you will track males for as much as half a mile. They will clean out and enter most of the dens they come across, and they engage in clumsy but very gory fights with other males they encounter. Mating usually takes place inside the burrow.

The Groundhog Day myth has it that the woodchuck comes out on the second of February, takes a gander at the weather and goes back in for a second sleep if it sees its shadow. Except that February 2 is too early for the awakening, this myth has a considerable amount of truth to it. Once awakened, the chuck does not lapse back into the true hibernal sleep again, but after the brief mating flurry is over the chuck isn't seen very much for a month or more. The weather is usually inclement, the chuck appetite hasn't built up yet and there's little food anyhow, so it stays in its den most of the time, in a normal sleep. Let the rabbit frolic around all night if it wants to; let the coon and fox indulge their spring madness; let the crows tumble and toss in the gusty March sky, and the peepers burst their throats piping the spring in—all that is foolishness to the unhumorous chuck.

With a litter average of four and only one litter a year, the woodchuck has a low reproduction rate, especially so in a family (*Rodentia*) noted for fecundity. Rabbits and squirrels produce several times as many young per season. So, in this important matter the chuck is at serious disadvantage. Nor is this handicap made up for by extra maternal care. A week after their eyes are open the young start toddling outside and nibbling at green stuff, and soon thereafter they are weaned. A few weeks later they are driven out of the nursery burrow, disperse and take up solitary lives.

Very young chuck is bright, active and a cute little thing. They remain

light-footed and agile for a month or so after the dispersion. They scabble around over rocks nimbly and climb trees readily, and during this period you can readily see their blood kinship with the terrestrial squirrels.

But all too quickly they grow away from this ancestral type, as most young creatures do, and with the chuck this is a sad development. Chucks are such incessant, voracious eaters that by mid-July, when the young weigh three or four pounds, they have become slow and stolid. Frequently you walk up on half-grown chucks so paunch-heavy they are all but helpless. Sometimes a chuck weighing four pounds will show a stomach-content weight of three quarters of a pound! A man with forty or fifty pounds of food in him wouldn't be very active either.

After the first hard freeze in the fall, the chuck's hibernation instincts begin to take over. If you watch carefully at this time, you'll often observe a curious, bob-tailed chuck migration. Their summer dens, located in the middle of the food supply, may not be suitable as winter quarters. So, woodchucks which have summered in a lush bottoms field will often leave the flat land toward the end of October and seek dens on a nearby brushy hillside. The chief reason for this seems to be that the lowland burrows might flood during the winter and drown them. Another reason is that when they

Letters Abroad Welcomes Correspondence from Elks

Letters Abroad, 695 Park Avenue, New York City, a volunteer service affiliated with the National Council of Women of the United States, recently received President Eisenhower's congratulations on its contribution to international understanding through the exchange of correspondence between Americans and people of other lands.

Many thousands of letters come to the organization from all over the world. Every letter is read and placed in its proper file for nationality, sex, age and interests. Doctors, teachers, housewives and students write to learn about America and to offer information about their native customs and laws. Music, sports, and varieties of culture are reported and discussed. Since most Americans do not know other languages it is much better to write in English.

Letters Abroad affords everyone an opportunity to act in the struggle to maintain a free world. We all know that false impressions of the United States are widespread so that when an opportunity like this is offered to correct them it will be eagerly examined and welcomed.

The organization works in cooperation with the U. S. Information Agency and the Voice of America. There is no charge for the service. Letters Abroad would be particularly interested in hearing from members of the BPOE.

emerge in the spring there is little green stuff in the fields and for a time they eat mostly bark and the twigs of squat shrubbery. There is a hunter's axiom that the brush groundhog goes in later and comes out earlier than the field groundhog. Nine times out of ten it's one and the same chuck.

The chief feature about this year cycle of the woodchuck is this hibernation business. Superficially this may look like an advantage—sleeping away the cold months in safe and secure oblivion. In reality hibernation imposes certain demands and exacts certain penalties which more than wipe the advantage out.

One of these demands concerns the groundhog's feeding habits and needs. Size for size, the chuck is the most tremendous eater of all our animals, exceeding even the notorious, high-strung shrew. Ordinarily an adult chuck feeds four times a day in late spring, three times during the summer and fall, and seldom does it stow away less than a pound of green stuff at a feeding. The average is somewhat over a pound. *Two-pound stomachs* crop up now and then in your records. And remember that it eats not once a day but up to four times. My summary figures on stomach weights indicate that a chuck consumes an equivalent of forty per cent of its own weight daily. That's as though a hundred-fifty-pound man would eat sixty pounds of food a day!

One time last summer a farmer friend phoned me that the groundhogs in one of his fields had all gone crazy and would I come and see what. It was quite a sight. In the middle of a large field from which he had just taken an ensilage crop a dozen or more chucks were rushing around aimlessly and frantically, like the proverbial chicken with its head off. I'd seen this sight before and knew what the trouble was. The chucks were half-famished and in a mild panic. The farmer had cut the crop low and removed it cleanly, and they couldn't find enough to eat. In that same field a rabbit or prairie-dog would have lived fat and saucy.

This inordinate food requirement is a bad handicap to the chuck even in summer. In winter the chuck would starve to death in no time. That's why it hibernates; it's compelled to. Hibernation, in turn, requires it to lay on excessive fat, and this may be the reason for the low reproduction rate (the lipid-fertility correlation) and also for the groundhog's comparatively short life. In the wild it is rare that a chuck lives to be five years old. The average span, I would say, is four years. Many don't emerge from their third winter.

The chuck's huge appetite has just recently brought on a development which may well check, at last, its spectacular increase. I refer to the fact that farmers, dairymen, orchardists and others are beginning to realize that the groundhog is a serious, costly pest and are embarking

"Enormous Error"

The "Wall Street Journal," leading daily newspaper on financial and economic subjects, consistently alerts its readers to the realities of the Communist conspiracy, as does The Elks Magazine, and the following excerpts from a recent editorial in the "Journal" are presented as another timely warning of a phase of the complex relationship between Moscow and the Free World that should be thoroughly understood:

"The Western powers, in the opinion of the French Foreign Minister, have for years been making the 'enormous error' of thinking primarily in terms of military security while the Soviet Union incessantly talks peace . . .

"The notion is not new or confined to France . . . It is easy to see some superficial reasons for the concern. Foreign Minister Pineau cited as one example the recent military exercises the anti-Communist powers held in Thailand—at the same time that the Soviets are prating of trade, aid and peace in Asia . . .

"Such seeming contrasts may dispose some Asians favorably to the Soviet. But before concluding, as M. Pineau does, that Western policy has been wrong in its emphasis, it is well to recall the circumstances that gave it that emphasis.

"The West gave serious thought to rebuilding its defenses only after the Soviet Union had subjugated half a dozen European nations through the actual or threatened presence of the Red Army. Western rearmament went into high gear only after the Communists cut off Berlin, conquered China and attacked South Korea. So much for the Soviet 'peaceful' record.

"Now, what if the West had pursued

some course other than rearmament these last years? Would France be free today if the West had not stood up to Moscow? . . . What other policy would have stopped the Communists in the career of aggression they were so well embarked on?

"The fact is that the Communists abandoned their policy of force only when they came up against the wall of Western strength and determination, when they realized that another aggressive move anywhere would in all likelihood land them in a lot of trouble.

"Only political unsophisticates and fellow-travelers can believe that the Communist military alliance is peaceful and the non-Communist alliance belligerent . . .

"We do not wish to be misunderstood. As much as anyone, this newspaper has consistently cautioned against a reliance upon arms alone in the struggle with Communism; we have urged the exploration of every avenue of negotiation and of winning the good will of the world through a clear showing of peaceful intent.

"Yet there is an equal danger in undervaluing the role of military strength in the Communist expansion. We cannot negotiate from weakness; we cannot count on buying friends—and this has been a costly lesson—with our dollars. In the last analysis we cannot make any government see the plain facts of the Soviet record if it is determined not to see . . .

"It is still true, though, that strength and a firm purpose is necessary to influence enemies if not to win friends. And if the West should now adopt the theory that it should dismantle its military strength just to meet the new 'challenge' of Soviet peace talk, then it might indeed be committing an enormous error."

on control programs. Naturally these will be limited to cultivated areas and will in no way threaten the woodchuck as a species or disturb it in wildland areas. They will merely keep it within bounds where it is so destructive.

During the course of a season a woodchuck will eat from five hundred to a thousand pounds of green stuff. It will clip or trample almost as much more. Its food preferences are clover, tame grasses, alfalfa, garden crops and suchlike. In a pasture or an ensilage-crop field a chuck will eat a minimum of ten dollars worth, usually much more, from spring to fall. Besides this, their mounds cause damage to farm machinery; their "plunge holes" result in broken legs for valuable horses and cattle; their hillside burrows start bad erosion and gully-washes. Country-wide the total economic toll taken by the woodchuck is quite staggering.

Unfortunately, strict "selective control" or eradication of just those individuals doing the damage doesn't work very well in the case of the chuck. It is almost useless to eliminate the chucks

in just one pasture or field or even on an average-sized farm. Other chucks will quickly drift in from surrounding areas, on that chuck quest for choice and abundant food. You can, as I have done, eradicate the chucks on a hundred-acre farm and in sixty days you have a fifty percent repopulation. To be effective, eradication has to be carried out on a larger scale. This summer-time spread of the chuck has not been sufficiently recognized and taken into account by the various state and federal agencies. Their recommendations and help, very excellent otherwise, have been based too much on individual-farmer control.

The woodchuck comes from a race of fine home-builders, like the ground squirrel, prairie dog, pika. For instance, the home of that pert, harmless, delightful little scamp that the Indians called "Cheepmonique" and we call chipmunk, is an elaborate affair consisting of a bedroom with a big, warm nest, a toilet room at the far end of a tunnel, a pantry well stocked with food, trapdoors too small for the murderous weasel or thieving pine

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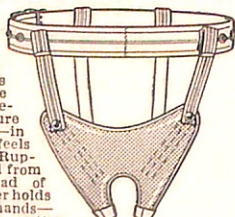
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squirrel to squeeze through, and escape backdoors when the blacksnake comes marauding. Beyond any doubt the chipmunk's home has been a big factor in this little sass-box's survival and its prevalence today. So, how about the woodchuck's home—any help with our puzzle there?

Considering that the chuck is a fine digger, it is surprising to find, in excavating dens or exploring them with a probe, that the woodchuck burrow is not the well-engineered, well-kept animal home it is popularly supposed to be. It isn't at all elaborate, like the chipmunk's; it doesn't have good drainage or any anti-flooding feature, like the prairie dog's little collar dike around the entrance; in brief, the chuck doesn't go to any more bother than it strictly has to, either in its engineering or its house-keeping.

A woodchuck seeking a den will always take over an empty burrow if it can find one. It digs a new den only if compelled to. Except for moles and perhaps the armadillo, it is surpassed in digging prowess only by its mortal enemy, the badger. I once experimented with a half-grown chuck and it tunneled through eight feet of hard clay in approximately an hour. I admit I spurred it on some by shooting off a .22 pistol at the entrance now and then, but even so that's fast work.

A NEW burrow consists at first of merely a single entrance and tunnel. Later on a side pocket is added, as a lay-up chamber, and after that a plunge hole. This is a vertical shaft, dug from the inside, the loose soil being pushed out the front door. (A chuck doesn't kick the loose dirt out with its hind feet, like a dog or fox, but sort of bulldozes it out with its chest.) Because the plunge hole lacks an apron of dirt and is hard to see, it's usually the hole that horses and cows break their legs in.

Dens which have been occupied a long time often have many openings. A burrow with a dozen openings is common. My record number is nineteen. In a few instances the extra openings are chuck work; they're dug when the original tunnels and entrances get flooded or badly fouled up. But in the majority of cases the remodeling and additions are the work of foxes, red, gray and kit, which take over and enlarge chuck dens for the whelping period and then hand them back to the owners.

As for its home life and community activities, the woodchuck lives alone and likes it. Now and then two litter mates will occupy the same burrow till they're about three months old, and occasionally a mother chuck will permit one of her young to remain with her till it's about a third grown. But these are rare exceptions. Skunks will bunch up, as many as a dozen in a winter den, and so will possums, rabbits and hole-dwelling raccoons, but the groundhog won't let a visitor

even hang up his hat. If you cut a chuck off from its own burrow and drive it into another's den, you immediately hear a great to-do of whistling, teeth clicking and sibilant squealing, and pretty soon the intruder comes barging out, with maybe a bit of its tail clipped off. It's always the trespasser that gets ejected. A five-pound home owner will "bounce" a ten-pound intruder every time, and don't ask me how come.

Except in defending its den and at mating time, the chuck is not at all belligerent toward other chucks. But neither is it a social animal. All its habits and instincts are solitary. The right word is, I think, *indifferent*. It simply pays no attention to its neighbor, if it's got one. Two chucks will feed almost cheek to jowl without being aware the other exists, and repeatedly you'll see individuals pass each other on a chuck trail without so much as a sniff or a howdy. The so-called marmot "colonies" of the northern Rockies aren't true colonies but merely accidental concentrations on some slope where the food and burrowing conditions are extra good.

Our last unexplored topic, in this mystery of the woodchuck's abundance, is the question of the chuck's mentality. This is a topic I'd just as soon avoid. Some years ago I published an "economic study" of the groundhog, and in the course of the article I stated that the mentality of the chuck was a bit low-grade as compared with other animals. Great day, what a spanking I got for that remark! Readers wrote in from all over, taking issue. The woodchuck, they said, was a most intelligent, sagacious creature, and the only low-grade mentality involved was my own.

Here are a few simple observations which anyone can repeat and which indicate roughly the chuck's I.Q.:

In the spring a baited box-trap in the back end of the garden will catch the same chuck several days hand-run. Neither the rabbit, skunk or ol' pokey possum will go back and get caught in the same trap time and again.

The groundhog is the easiest animal outdoors to catch in steel traps. You don't have to bury the traps or camouflage them in any way. Just stick them in the hole bare.

If you're stalking a chuck in an open field and it sees you, just get a rock, tree or grazing cow between yourself and the chuck and you can walk right up on it. That trick won't fool the really bright boys, like the fox, wolf or bighorn.

If you walk down slope toward a chuck you can get twice as close as by approaching uphill. During some phase of its development *Monax* was exclusively a high-slope dweller, as the bighorn is today, so it watched mostly downhill because that's where its enemies came from. Thousands of years have passed since this habit was of any value; in fact, it's a liability now; but still the chuck keeps watching downhill.

SURVEY REVEALS STRENGTH OF WASHINGTON LODGES

A recent survey of Elks Lodges in the state of Washington revealed some impressive and illuminating economic facts about Elkdom in that great Elk state. The survey showed that the State's 37 Elks lodges have total assets of \$17,745,451. Their total indebtedness was \$552,162, leaving a net worth of \$17,193,289, a ratio of net worth to liabilities of 32 to 1.

Another interesting fact revealed by the survey was that Washington's lodges do an annual gross business of \$5,708,585. Edwin J. Alexander, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, conducted the study to test the accuracy of the frequently heard statement that "Elkdom is big business." Obviously, it is a much bigger business than many of us had realized. Other states would do well to follow Washington's example and take a look at the economic position of their lodges.

One last example. The chuck has a formidable set of front teeth and if caught away from its hole it can defend itself effectively against the fox, small coyote and ordinary dog.

By facing its enemy and daunting him with those ivory choppers, it usually succeeds in backing up to its den. All it needs to do is keep on backing up, right down into its hole, and it would be safe. But no. The groundhog way of entering a burrow is head first, so it turns around and tries to plunge in. So its enemy grabs it by its unprotected hind-quarters—and it's a dead chuck. Foxes seem to be aware of this groundhog habit. I have many times watched them follow half-grown chucks to the hole and seize them there.

All this is not to say that the woodchuck is a complete nitwit. But patently it is a cut below most other common animals, possibly because it eats itself dull and sluggish, and patently there's nothing in its mentality to explain its great success and abundance.

One time I showed a very wise old natural scientist a paper I had worked up on the different forms of animal play, which is an important activity with nearly all animals. In this paper I commented that woodchuck play is almost negligible; my notes covering twenty years of observation contained only a half a dozen instances of it. When he read this the old scientist remarked, "Humph, the woodchuck is strictly business, isn't he?"

When I went back home that phrase "strictly business" somehow lingered in my mind. The more I pondered it, the more it seemed to open a door. Using it as a guide, I carefully went through my woodchuck data and observational records, and what did I come up with? Why, a whole long list of groundhog "does not's." The chuck doesn't take dust-baths, though the great majority of other

animals and birds revel in these. It doesn't make a nest, except a poor, skimpy one for newborn young and occasionally for hibernation. It doesn't fight, except as I've indicated. It doesn't associate with other chucks. It doesn't dig any more of a home than it has to. It doesn't—But we can sum this all up by saying it doesn't do a single thing on earth that it doesn't have to. Everything is stripped away down to the barest needs of mere existence.

Just take a look at the chuck's daily round. It comes out, feeds and at once goes back in again, into the dank safety of its den. There it sleeps till it's hungry, whereupon it comes out, feeds and trundles back in. Not one iota of energy or attention is "wasted" in play, neighborly association, family life or suchlike. Fully nine-tenths of its life span, by actual figures, is spent underground, in the dark, silent security of its burrow. Most of the remaining one-tenth is spent feeding.

The big point here is that by sacrificing most of the peripheral values of life the chuck cuts its exposure to enemies to the absolute minimum.

Somebody once said that it isn't the cover on top of us that keeps us warm but what hangs down over the side of the bed. Don't tell that to the chuck. He'd mutter "Nonsense!" and go on munching clover. As far as efficiency is concerned, efficiency in living safe and keeping alive amid the dangers of an open-field habitat, I know of no comparable animal that can equal it. Its low reproduction rate, its slowness of foot, its unimpressive I.Q., its other serious handicaps—all these are outweighed by this dominating characteristic of playing it safe.

In view of the chuck's big increase and tremendous numbers today, we have to admit that this characteristic has proved tremendously successful. The wolf has nearly vanished in the States, the wily catamount is now confined to a few rugged sections, the passenger pigeon myriads are no more, but the obscure, heavy-footed chuck abounds everywhere; and often, sitting bolt upright on a sunny hillside, it's the only wild creature of any size that we see for miles and miles.

I fervently hope the chuck remains abundant. In wildland, where he does no damage, he should be protected. Without his whistle, his dumpy figure standing beside his door, his periscope eye looking at you from a nearby hole, the outdoors wouldn't be the same.

But nevertheless I believe we feel that the chuck's success has been purchased at a pretty fearful price. And I'm sure that the chipmunk and the bob-o-link, the otter, the cheery cardinal and all the other creatures that prefer to live perilously would agree with us and say that the woodchuck can keep his dull safety—they'll take the sunshine and winds, the dangers and also the delights, of the outdoors and the open sky.

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BY HARRY WALTON

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For instance, you should use the nails made for the purpose when putting up wood siding, asbestos shingles, or plasterboard walls. For jobs subject to dampness indoors or out, you can get aluminum nails that will never rust or stain. Using masonry nails, you can fasten things to

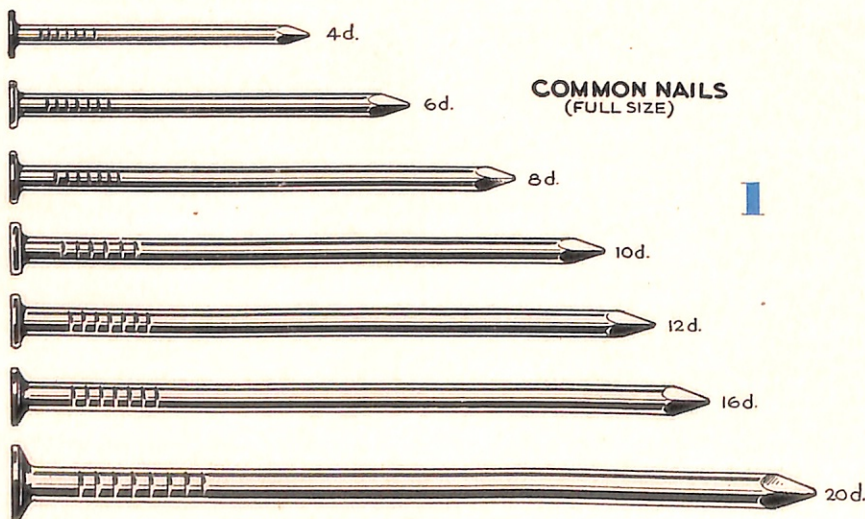
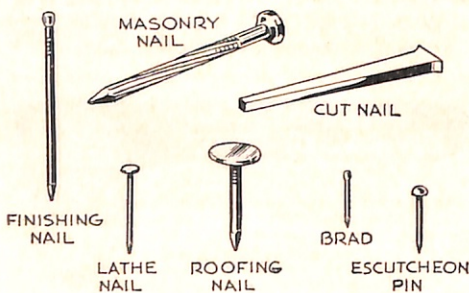
a brick or block wall almost as quickly as to a wooden one.

THE PENNY NAIL MYSTERY. Although nobody knows why, nails have long been measured in penny sizes (abbreviated to the symbol "d"). A twopenny (2 d.) nail is one inch long, a 6 d. nail two inches long, and a 10 d. nail three inches long. The 20 d. and larger sizes are often called spikes.

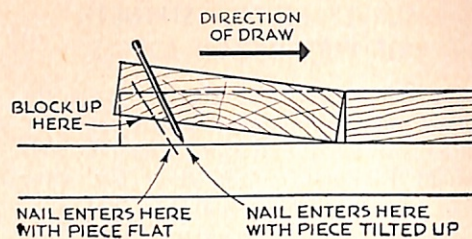
Figure 1 shows some typical nail sizes. Below the 10 d. size, they come in odd numbers too (3, 5, 7 and 9 penny). For general home use, the 6 d. nail is a handy size. Yard, garden and light construction work may call for 8, 9 and 10 d. nails.

Finishing nails, which come in the same sizes, have small heads that are easily sunk below the wood surface. They are useful for installing wood trim and molding, for assembling built-ins and even homemade furniture. Properly set and puttied over, they are invisible under a paint finish.

Brads are similar to finishing nails but much smaller, going down to sizes you can hardly hold in the fingers. They are designated by length and gauge number,



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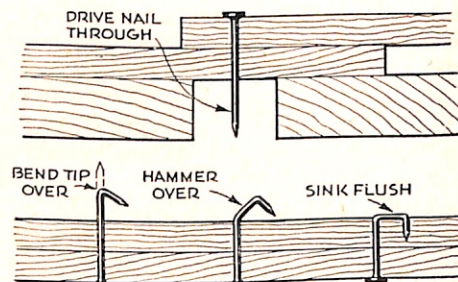
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the latter applying to thickness or diameter. Brads are fine for building small things such as birdhouses, or for fastening thin backs to big pieces like bookcases or cabinets.

NEED A SPECIAL NAIL? Escutcheon pins are made of brass, with neat, rounded heads. They are, as the name implies, for attaching ornamental hardware. Cut nails (also shown in Figure 1) are rectangular in cross section. Edgewise, they are the same thickness all the way down, but on the flat side they taper to a blunt end.

Stiffer than ordinary nails, cut nails can be driven into masonry, but their commonest use is for nailing down floors. In wood, they should always be driven with the wide, flat side parallel to the grain. This wedges the taper against the end grain; turned across the grain, the taper might readily split the wood.

Round masonry nails are sturdy enough to drive into brick, concrete, cinder block



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and even some kinds of stone. They may be fluted or corrugated, and are usually plated to resist rust. Galvanized and aluminum nails for outdoor use come in many shapes and sizes.

AIDS TO NAILING. Nail after nail may bend if you try to drive them into hardwood. It's much easier if you drill a pilot hole for them part way, as you would for screws, and wax or soap the nails before inserting them. To prevent splitting, it's also wise to drill holes if nails must be driven close to an edge or through very thin stock.

If a nail is driven through one piece and into another at a slant, it will draw the first piece in the direction it is slanted. To nail a number of boards tightly together, for instance, slant the nails toward the board already in place. For extra

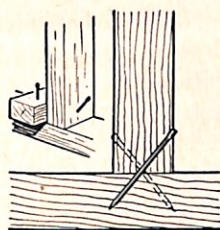
draw-up, block up the outer edge of the new board slightly as shown in Figure 2. This will make the point enter slightly forward of the spot it would if the board lay flat. Once the nail is started, remove the blocking piece.

A strong nailed joint in rough work is commonly made by using extra-long nails and clinching them over, as in Figure 3. Place the work on two blocks so that the nail can be driven through as shown. Then turn it over, with the nail head on a solid support.

Although it will hold well if the pointed end is simply knocked over, the point can still stick up enough to be annoying. Instead, you can bend the tip with pliers as in the drawing. When hammered over, it will sink well into the wood.

To fasten one member at right angles to another, toenailing is used (Figure 4). For this, the nails must be long enough to penetrate the second piece well, and must be started high enough in the first piece to have a secure hold in it. The two-by-fours commonly used as wall studs in frame houses are toenailed, usually with two 8 d. nails through each wide face.

Because of the driving angle, there is a



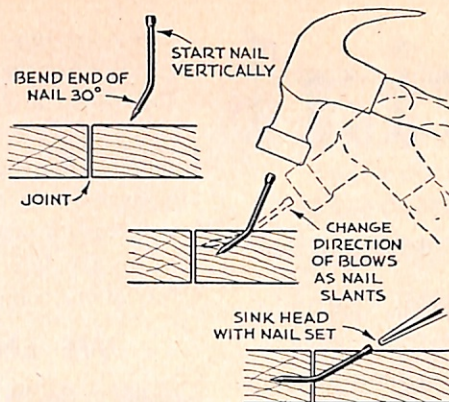
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tendency for the first piece to shift. This can be prevented by temporarily nailing a block behind it as in Figure 4. Secure the block with at least two nails, but do not drive them all the way down. Left protruding, they can easily be pulled when the block is to be removed.

STITCHING BOARDS TOGETHER. When two boards have to be joined edge to edge, either with or without cleats or glue, you can stitch them together with nails. Place one board against a firm stop, and butt the second against it. With pliers, bend $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the tip of a finishing nail to about 30 degrees as in Figure 5.

Hold the bent tip at right angles to the joint line, about $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from it but pointing toward it. Then start driving the nail straight down. It will soon start to slant toward the joint. Change the angle of your blows to follow it. If the nail is a suitable size and correctly driven, it should follow a curve inside the wood and into the other piece without coming out again.

Drive several such nails from each board into the other, alternating them all along the joint. The heads can be set and puttied over.



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SOME HANDY NAILING TRICKS.

Sometimes a nail must be started out of reach or in a spot where there is no room for the hand. One way to do it is to fasten the nail to the hammer face with tape or a wad of clay. A single judicious tap of the hammer should suffice to start it. Another method is to push the nail through at one end of a strip of cardboard. Use this as a handle to hold the nail for starting, and then tear it free. In some cases, the nail can be grasped with pliers and jabbed in to start it.

Where there is not even room for the hammer head, drop the nail into a piece of tubing or small pipe. Drive it with an iron curtain rod or the like inserted into the pipe.

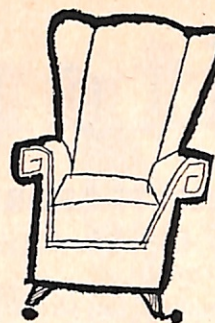
When a hammer slips and dents the wood, the bruise can sometimes be concealed by dampening it. This swells the wood fibers. Sandpaper the surface after it is dry again.

If no nail set is at hand, you can sink a nail by holding the head of another nail on it and striking that. The right tool to use, however, is a nail set. It should have an end smaller than the nail.

Contrary to appearance, a sharp nail point is more likely to split the wood than is a blunt end. The point acts like a wedge driven between the wood fibers; a blunt end shears straight through them. When splitting is likely, either drill a pilot hole as suggested above, or clip or file the point of the nail off, leaving a square end.

Finishing nails are almost impossible to remove without damaging the wood around them. Drive them through the other side instead, or far enough into the piece beneath so that you can remove the piece they hold. Use a nail set as far as its taper permits; then, when it starts to enlarge the hole, use a nail of the same size with the point filed off. When the nail is driven in deeply enough to free the outer member, you can remove this and pull the nail out of the other piece with a claw hammer.

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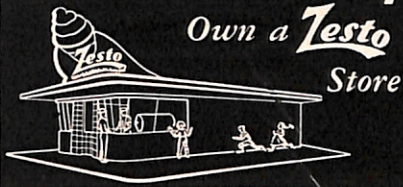
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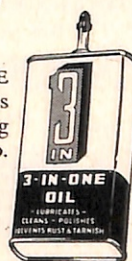
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are nailed through their tongued edges with cut nails or flooring brads driven at 45 degrees. They should never be driven home with the hammer. A nail set should be used toward the last to avoid marring the tongue, as any damage here is sure to show in the finished job.

No nails are visible in a floor nailed this way. Such nailing is, of course, possible only with tongue-and-groove stock, because the other (grooved) edge is held by the tongue of the preceding piece and therefore requires no face nailing.

Editorial

BILL FRASOR

Bill Frasor was an Elk's Elk. He was devoted as few men have been to the Order.

He knew and understood the Order and the individual Elk.

Few men had as wide an acquaintance or more friends among the members. He knew the problems of the subordinate lodges and, in most instances, their answers.

His special capacity for solving subordinate lodge problems became generally recognized and Grand Exalted Rulers sought his services particularly when some special problem needed for its solution a man possessing exceptional knowledge of and devotion to the Order, good judgment and unfailing tact.

The last outstanding case of that character was the devastating flood that struck Kansas and Nebraska in 1951 where he spent weeks at great personal risk assisting lodges in the stricken area to recover from their own damages and to relieve the unfortunate victims in their communities.

The lodges he brought into being, reorganized or strengthened make an impressive list.

Bill Frasor respected the laws of the Order and was impatient with their violation or neglect.

He was a conscientious ritualist and could not condone a clumsy or careless rendition of the Ritual.

In his personal responsibilities he was a perfectionist, never cutting corners, never satisfied unless he had given the task at hand the best he had to give.

In his illness he received from Mrs. Frasor all the attention that love, understanding and intelligence can give.

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A HEALTHY, DYNAMIC ORDER



The decade since World War II ended in 1945 has been one of great and glorious growth for the Order of Elk. In those years:

The number of Lodges increased from 1,400 to 1,750, a gain of 25 per cent.

The Order's membership increased from 700,000 to 1,160,000, a gain of 64 per cent.

The Order's assets, of the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges combined, increased from \$143,335,000 to \$257,474,000, a gain of 80 per cent.

Philanthropic expenditures of Subordinate Lodges alone increased from \$4,210,000 to \$6,300,000, a gain of 50 per cent.

Assets of the Elk's National Foundation increased from \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000, at acquisition cost, a gain of 300 per cent.

Contributions to the Foundation increased from \$176,000 in 1945 to \$354,000 in 1955, a gain of 100 per cent.

These are impressive figures, indeed, offering substantial evidence that the Order of Elk is healthy and dynamic.

But proud and pleased though we can rightfully be of Elksdom's strong financial condition, we should realize that it merely affords a sturdy base from which we can the more effectively carry on the many fine programs that help the less fortunate among us, that nourish the spirit of democracy in the land and add so much to the strength and safety of our country and our way of life.

WE ENTER OUR 35th YEAR



By 1921 it had become apparent that the Order had grown in size to the extent that a national journal was a necessity to coordinate Grand Lodge and subordinate lodge activities and inform a membership rapidly approaching the quarter million mark about their respective activities.

At the Grand Lodge Convention, in Los Angeles, that year the National Memorial Headquarters Commission reported, in part: "Such a journal (the proposed Elk's Magazine) should be a real magazine of the highest excellence. . . . It should contain matters of fraternal interest, of educational value, and literary merit, and of social and family interest, so that it will become a valuable addition to any reading table and a welcome visitor to any home".

In June, 1922, the first issue of The Elk's Magazine was published and for 34 years it has been the constant endeavor of your Magazine to reflect those high ideals and standards. As we enter our 35th year with this issue it will continue to be our endeavor to publish the finest of all fraternal magazines—one worthy of our great Order.

A BENEVOLENCE NOT FORGOTTEN



In 1906, when an earthquake devastated San Francisco, within 12 hours following the disaster, the Elk of Oakland had equipped a tented city and their hospitals were taking care of about 2,000 people. The Elk provision wagons were the first to enter the city, it is stated in "A History of the Order of Elk". The total contribution from the Order for relief was \$109,140.60 and the magnitude of that amount can be better appreciated when one considers that in 1906 total membership of the Order was 225,000, or about one fifth the present membership.

We were reminded of that great Elk deed recently in separate communications from Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis and W. F. Holmes, Secretary of Riverside Lodge, each forwarding a newspaper clipping of a letter to the Riverside "Daily Enterprise" written by Mrs. Gertrude Bamberger. To quote Mrs. Bamberger in part: "It is probably long forgotten and unknown to many that the Elk immediately established a camp de luxe in Oakland where refugees were permitted to stay. . . . Having been one of those so privileged, it will always remain in my consciousness that they are truly a Benevolent and Protective Order."

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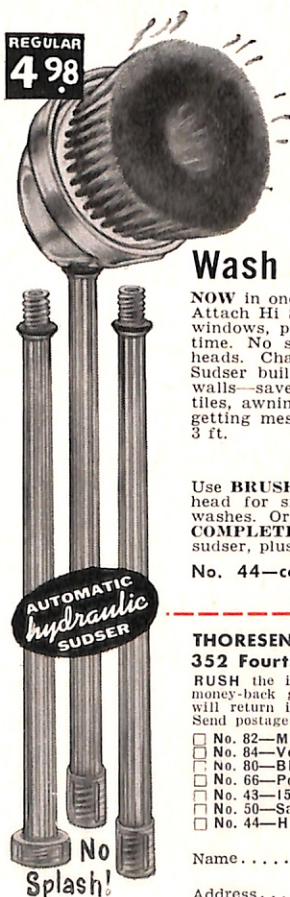
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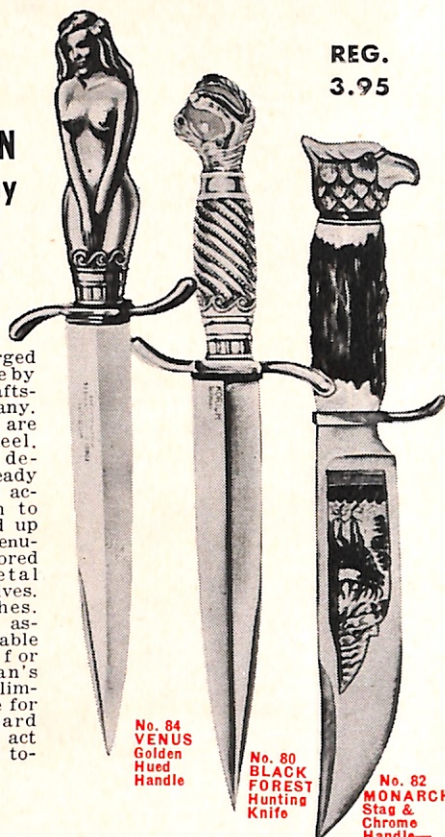
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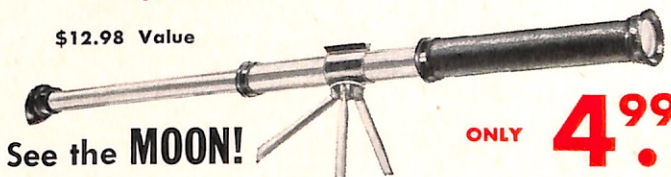
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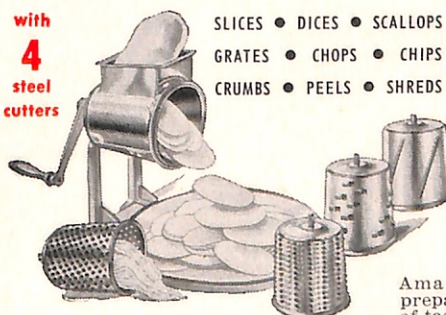
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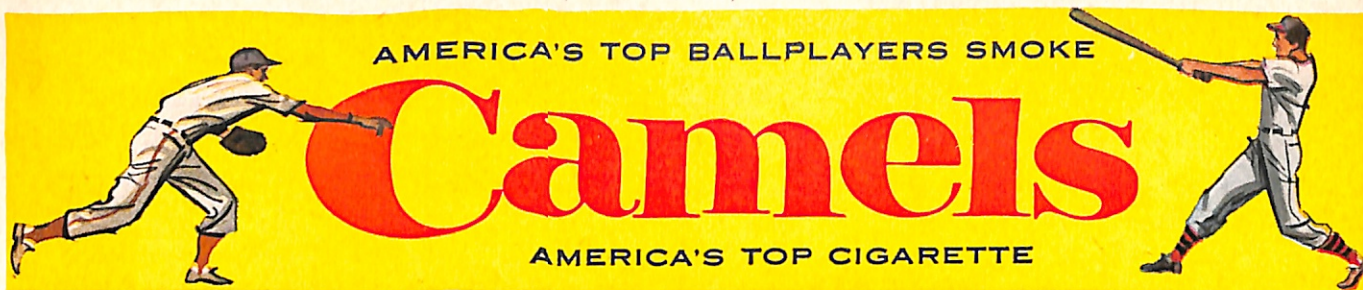
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